Litchfield June 21st 1801 -- Mr H- preached this morning from Hebrews 9th 22d - and without shedding of blood is no remission - not the obedience of Christ, tho' that was necessary to qualify him for a Saviour, but the sufferings which he endured, wrought the atonement - this afternoon, upon the wisdom and beauty of this plan of salvation O my father, there is not merely in thy family a child so ungrateful and wicked - tho' like the tenderest parent, infinitely above an earthly parent, as thy character is above mortals, thou grantest me all the temporal favours I can ask with reason - yet how cold am I and indifferent to thee and thy glory - alas stupid blindness - how little do I attend to my own poor soul - I am languishing for thy light - long have I mourned in darkness - how long O Lord wilt thou suffer me to continue thus - thou knowest, that it is my sincere and earnest prayer, Lord lift upon me the light of thy reconciled countenance - this is my importunate request; merciful God - thou hearest always in the name of Jesus - O be pleased to hear my prayer now for me, and all my friends, parents and husband - preserve us this week from evil - and fatigue and sickness but above all incline our hearts to serve thee and wilt thou manifest thyself unto each of our souls - for Christ's sake amen -

June 28th Mr Clarkson of Jersey preached this
morning from Proverbs 8th 17th I love them
that love me, the love of the creature to Christ
is not the cause of his love to the creatu
but the consequence - he described the bless-
ness and character of those who love Jesus - tho'
they cannot at all times feel as his lovers
yet they always know that his glory is
near their heart, and it is habitually
their wish to please him - the love of Jesu
to us - is not a common kind, it is such
that he gave his life for us - and if we
love him we may be sure that He will
carry us on unto perfection - we are not
alone in the conflict with the world satan
and our own corruptions - but our Saviour
is always with us, and in his strength
we can do valiantly - I thank thee O
Lord that thou hast granted me so
much favour this morning seal the instru
tion I pray thee - and continue & in-
crease my faith and love and attention
this afternoon — — I must mourn my folly
and barrenness - how long O Lord wilt thou
permit me to go on thus I have been told this
afternoon from 2d Corinthians 6th 2 - Behold now
is the accepted time behold now is the day
of Salvation O let us so improve it, and othe
Almighty Father hear us when we pray unto
thee and accept of us in thy mercy bless
my parents - preserve I pray thee their lives and
healths - and be present with us all this week for
Jesus' sake alone - amen

July 5th Happy should I be if I could always feel as I do when at the Lord's table, O blessed be God for the favours he there granted me this day – I was grieved for my sins, and affected deeply by his mercy in all the preservation and blessings in which he hath wrought for me – but alas! I fear I am an unbeliever awful thought, that from his visible family, I may be cut off – and consigned over to endless misery; O that I could feel that Jesus is my friend – I saw him by faith, sitting at the head of his own table, inviting us to partake of his body and blood – I did indeed partake of the elements but felt as if I was too vile a rebel, and too great a monster of iniquity to approach the ~~text~~ sermon was upon the resurrection of our Saviour – Lord God – Father Son, & Spirit with thy power I pray thee to continue these serious impressions if they are such say but the word, and I shall come unto thee with filial affection – and call thee Abba Father – – amen!! – – This afternoon the text was in ~~st~~ Peter 1st 3d. Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ &c – by the resurrection of Christ is a way open for all to have salva=tion – the hopes of glory which the christian may entertain, are founded on this doctrine – I thank thee, Lord that in a measure I have been blessed with thy presence. O that it might be abiding – depart from me no more thou eternal Spirit – O let me be kept this day & week near the throne of grace that I may no more forget & offend thee – and extend thy mercy also in with needful favours to my parents & all friends ~~[illegible]~~ Christ and

Where shall I fly for help - I turn inward from the
allurements of the world which draw me from my
duty, and behold a heart, cold and hard as a rock
wholly destitute of the fear and love of that Go
who in rich profusion, is bestowing every temp
ral good upon me, and is offering the most pre
=cious, infinitely the most valuable of all bles
=sings to my acceptance - even salvation for my
poor soul thro' the death and resurrection
of his own Son - but O my soul, how dost
thou treat this compassionate God? art thou
ready to yield thyself to him; to give up th
self in an everlasting covenant - - to commi
thy important interests into his hands - O
would I once more see him willing to acce
me, O how joyfully would I run into his
arms, and cast myself upon him - and I
am told that whosoever cometh to him he w
in no wise cast out - O thou Almighty
Father and friend of sinners bring my mi
into a frame, which shall fully trust
in thy mercy - hear me O Lord, when I
bow myself once more before thee, and im
plore thy pardon - thou knowest that I
am a vile wretch, unworthy wholly unw
=thy to claim an interest in thy kingdom
but O forget not the covenant which thou
didst permit me to sign - O let it be a
seal of thy grace, and tho' I have wander
from yself O Lord recal me, and bind m
to thyself by such ties of gratitude and love a
shall not again be brok

July 12th { This morning, I bleſs God, that he granted me freedom of acceſs in prayer, and some devout exercises while singing, in hearing the sermon - he made me attentive, and I have reason to rejoice in his goodneſs - the sermon was from these words of Proverbs 22d 6th Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it - on the importance of educating youth - and leading them in wisdom's ways, may it be a word in season, and make the hearers diligent in this important work - and now, O my God, for fain would I call thee so, aſsist I pray thee in the duties of this afternoon, bleſs thy servant; animate him to go forward and be earnestly engaged to do something for thy glory and the good of his hearers - wilt thou be pleased to go with us to thine house, for unleſs thou be with us in vain do we appear there --

This afternoon the text was in Matthew 21st chapter 15th and 16th verses - particularly, these words, out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise -- to the youth, setting before them every inducement for them to begin religion early - bleſs the means of grace here and O grant thy servant many souls as seals of his ministry and crowns of rejoicing in the day of the Lord - make me thankful for the bleſsings of this day and continue thy presence to me and all mine this week and this life - for the sake of our redeemer - amen

July 19th Today I have been cold, and my evil imagination has been rather engaged about worldly affairs, than attending to things spiritual — strange stupidity, O how I dread this deadly evil; which has so long been a seperating wall, between me and my heavenly Father, between my sick soul, and the Almighty ~~Physician~~ Physician — and now when I had again tasted that the Lord was gracious, I find I am relapsing into my former dreadful state merciful God I am thine, suffer not thy creature to wander utterly from thy presence but recall me, and lead me up to thy house this afternoon; there grant me some tokens of thy grace, there say unto my soul some word of comfort and all will be well — Mr Murdoch delivered a good discourse from Hebrews 4th 2d — But the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it — O for a true and living faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and hath arisen for our justification — may I cleave unto him entirely my confidence is in him, O let me not again be unbelieving — but keep me always in thy fear and impressed with a sense of thy goodness. This afternoon the text was in 2d Peter, 1st 1st to them that have obtained like precious faith with us — One great reason why Christians do not grow in grace, is because they have not faith; they trust

too much in themselves, and think faith is only
neceſsary to begin with, whereas, it is eſsential
to the progreſs and life of a christian; may
I profit by this, and in future depend
solely on God thro' Christ, for all comfort--
our teacher also told us not to despair-
altho' we are still encompaſsed with infirmities,
and covered with guilt- the blood
of the Saviour is sufficient- to wash
us- and make us clean and acceptable in
his sight- in that would I dare to appear-
grant me all those graces which
thou dost love-, for if thou wilt ~~[illegible]~~ form
me, thou wilt accept me- I desire to
resign myself wholly to thee, soul and body
and pray thee to take the entire command
of all my conduct words and thoughts--
thou knowest the many duties which
devolve upon me- thou knowest how
weak and unable I am to perform them
but in thy strength I shall do valiantly
O say unto me, my grace is sufficient
for thee- bleſs all my friends, my parents
and near relatives, deal kindly with them
O Lord, and supply all their wants temporal
and spiritual- and do thou delight
in the welfare of this family, bleſs thy
servant I pray thee, strengthen him to
serve thee, and aſsist and direct us all
in the way of thy commands, and bleſs us
especially with thy presence, for Christs sake amen

July 26th — Truly O God thy sabbaths are my delight; Better is it to spend one day at thy feet, seeking thy face, enquiring thy will, and believing on the son of thy love, ~~than~~ than in all the luxury of a delusive world, the sermon today, was upon these words of Acts 5th 31st Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a prince &c— — Blessed Jesus I have heard thy character, and thy kingly offices unfolded this morning in an instructive manner, thou hast ascended to receive gifts for men— and O what a variety dost thou confer— thy Spirit thou dost at times send down in plentiful effusions— thou callest many to thy service— thou makest them willing, and then thou assistest them to serve thee, and thou hast said the gates of hell shall never prevail against thy cause, altho' infidel rulers are set over us and wickedness abounds yet need we not fear, since thou art Almighty and governest all things— assist us I pray thee to return to thy house, and make us more devout, and more conformed to thy will— —

This afternoon the text was in Hebrews 6th 20th whither the forerunner is for us entered &c— — Melchisedec was a priest ordained of God— and as to his office without father or mother, having neither beginning of days nor end of life ~~[illegible]~~ as he was more excellent than the house of Levi— so Christ is exalted to all power, that he may save all who come to him— heaven interceding for us— think— my soul of this and believe on him and trust in him for all favours for thyself and thy friends— —

Litchfield July 11th 1801 - Saturday evening —

Bleſsed be God; he hath not suffered me ſo to depart from him, as finally to cause him to shut the door of mercy against me - there is an invitation to all to come and take of the water of life freely - and Jesus, our own Lord and master, saith, Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest; - emboldened by this promise, I, who am the vilest of rebels, an abuser of my time, my talents, my advantages, and alas! a refuser of thy grace, even I come unto thee, - and O most gladly would I take courage; I take shame unto myself - for my sins are of a crimson dye - yet for such there is a door of hope - Bleſsed redeemer, surely thou wilt not forsake the work of thy hands - hast not thou begun a good work in my sou soul? - leave it not I pray thee - is there not pardon with our ~~[illegible]~~ God, and plenteous redemption - in thee is the unfailing fountain, grant some stream, be it ever so small, O cheer my benighted soul with one ray, O send down a portion of thy Spirit to aſsist me in conquering the exertions of Satan, my great enemy, in subduing my own lusts, and the enticements of the world - or rather work this of thy own power for I am sinful and can do no [illegible] at present thing of myself — assist me merciful God in all duty I may no part, be performed in a cold senseless manner — — only speak the word, and I shall be conformed to thee have mercy on me — O thou Divine Saviour, never while on earth didst thou deny a request of this kind, never didst thou send a ~~[illegible]~~ hungry soul, empty, away — and hast thou resigned, thy pity when thou receivedst thy power? surely thou hast not but thou wilt be gracious unto me — — and not to me only but to all whom I love, whether present or absent — — — amen — —

Saturday July 18th — Adored be the God of all my mercies, who hath not wholly hid his face from me, for surely I find by experience that he is a gracious hearer of prayer, the week past has been a witness of this; for many weeks, I have mourned in darkness and as those who never had a hope, my guilt was so great and attended with so many circumstances of aggravation, that to entertain a hope, appeared presumption within a few weeks I have been roused in a degree, but not till within a few days have I enjoyed that sweet communion which was once the greatest happineſs of my life — and now what shall I render unto the Lord for all his kindneſs “I will take the cup of salvation and” “and call upon the name of the Lord” — by the aſsistance of his Spirit, I will no more doubt his mercy to forgive or his grace to help — for I have sought and thanks to his name I have found that which I desired — even some consolation in pious exercises — therefore O my God, I will give myself to thee soul and body, for time and eternity, this is the prevailing purpose of my mind, whatever errors I may commit — therefore pardon all my sins, since it is not I which offend, but sin that dwelleth in me — — — Thou knowest Eternal Father, that I have once and again dedicated myself to thee; Alas! how poor an offering — but not too mean for Jesus to save, since he died for the vilest, for his sake hear my petitions — and grant that I may no more so ungratefully forsake thee — keep me near thyself, and manifest thyself unto me as thou dost unto thy children — Bleſs me and all mine and grant unto us all a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord — amen —

July 25th It is the Lord who giveth life and breath and health, and strength, and all the comforts which I enjoy - he is a holy and good being therefore goodness and truth are his delight and my own experience can testify that he sendeth favours on the unjust and wicked, my crimes are of a blacker dye than those of others, for I have not only sinned against light but against all my better resolutions; have I not tasted that the Lord is gracious - thou God knowest has it not been my joy to serve thee, to dwell near thee, and statedly to come into thy house to worship - have I not at times felt thy Spirit working in my soul - O my father is not this from thee didst not thou create all these affections - if not, I pray thee to pull down the work which I have vainly begun, and build me up on that sure foundation which shall never be moved - let the blood of Christ be my only hope; when I am sunken under the weight of guilt which oppresses me, let me here find a hand to raise me up - and a friend to speak peace unto my soul, even that peace, which the world can neither give nor take away - what have I to do, I know in whom I have believed; even in my great Redeemer, and intercessor - and here I once more devote myself to thee, my covenant God - I beseech thee to take my into thy family - restore me to thy favour, which is infinitely more precious than all this world can bestow -

this is not the effect of a disappointment & sorrow; no, I have been from my infancy highly favoured, and surrounded with every earthly comfort, that I could reasonably desire - health friends, and a sufficiency of worldly prosperity, have every been my attendants - thus surrounded by those things which are in their nature calculated to ensnare the heart, and attatch it to the world, I have never known the hour of severe affliction - yet it pleased God to speak to my soul, in a still small voice, and assure me, when even a child that this world was not my lasting residence - even then, I was deeply affected with serious truths, but alas all those impressions were transitory - and tho' I began not a religious course, untill I was about fifteen yet I cannot but hope that my former concern was caused by the Spirit of God - Since that time my backslidings have been numerous and aggravated - shameful have been my neglects, my coldness - and my obstinacy - but never have I determined to go back to the ways of sin, nor ever wilfully committed it I think - since the age of fifteen I have practised secret prayer morning and evening, excepting some times of carelessness - which have indeed been too frequent - at nineteen by concurring circumstances I was induced to join with the church in Hadley - I was resolved by divine assistance to follow the ways of holiness, but was still fearful that I should go back again, and disgrace my sacred profession - I am sure it was the fixed purpose of my soul, that I would be for God and none other; - within two or three years I have at times hoped that God was working powerfully on my heart; O my soul what precious seasons hast thou enjoyed - when drawing near the throne of grace in a prayer of faith - this frame once lasted nearly a week, & surely it was the happiest week I have ever known; yes my soul, thou hast tasted enough of the grace of God to make thee long most ardently for it, and to mourn most sincerely the want of it - and now look back upon thy past life, and judge impartially; art thou a friend of Jesus? - art thou against him, or on his part? - most surely, I desire his favour more than all the world beside - but my shameful rebellion, shews what a wretched friend I am - - and alas! if glorifying his name, is the proof of being on his part, I must forever be stiled an opposer of his cause - this only I can say, that it is my constant endeavour to serve him, I am a weakling, a poor ignorant, careless sinner - but I hope not entirely an enemy to my glorious Redeemer, in him alone do I trust, for further assistance and growth in grace - and for every favour for myself and my friends both for this life and the next -

August 1st— If ever there was one favoured of heaven surely I am — how does it enhance the value of blessings, to think that they come from the hand of a creator, a being infinitely holy, wise, and good, who is eternal and unchangeable — when I reflect upon his greatness and glory I dare hardly believe that he notices me such an atom amidst surrounding worlds: and their countless inhabitants; but Jesus himself hath said that not a sparrow falls to the ground without our heavenly Father, and even the very hairs of our head are all numbered — then let me never distrust his care; what should lead me to do it? — has he not treated me all my life ~~with~~ the most indulgent mercy — have not his favours been numerous as the drops of the morning and hourly increasing? — O may I never distrust this Almighty friend — but trust him for his grace — true it is the greatest of all blessings — but he loves to bestow it on those who seek his face — I have long been seeking O Lord thou knowest — now let me, I beseech thee, hear thee calling unto me, and saying I will be thy God, and the God of all thine and thou and thy near and dear relatives shall be my children — this is my chief and prevailing petition O hear and answer for the sake of our dear Redeemer — Amen —

August 8th How kind is the Lord in his dealings with me - my father, sister and brother Hitchcock arrived last night, and I am again favoured with their presence - a week since, Martha the daughter of my sister died of the Dysentery - they are not borne down with it - tho sensibly affected. How happy would it be for them, might it be a means of their conversion, and final salvation; God grant that it may have a saving effect, teaching them not to depend on worldly comforts but on the everlasting God, and his dear son, for every thing for this life and the future one - - My frame of mind is not right - far from it - but what shall I do? - I fly unto thee O thou Physician of souls - look on me and save me - grant us all O Lord, ~~[illegible]~~ altho' separated from each other, communion with thee - and enable us to spend this sabbath devoutly and to thy glory - not for our own sake but for Jesus sake who alone is worthy amen

August 16th 1801 - Sabbath afternoon -:

This day resolved, that when I am tempted to fret at intrusions of company I will think how freely I have received and therefore I ought freely to give, I will consider that ministers and their families should be given to hospitality - and that it should be my delight to serve them who are in need, or those who are engaged in the service of Christ especially - and that to spend and be spent in the service of my Lord and master, is the most glorious and delightful employment - thus O my father have I begun to seek my duty - direct me onward I pray thee, and by thy grace thro' thy dear son make me finally perfect in every good word and work.

April 16th 1802 - Fast Day -

By the blessing of a kind Providence I have been brought to see another anniversary of fasting humiliation and prayer - greatly have I been blessed in every respect - but my unfruitfulness and deadness occasion sorrow and cause of deep contrition - the Lord hear and

for the sake of his Son Christ Jesus - hast
thou not said we must join fasting with ou
prayer -:- Look I beseech thee from thy seat
of holiness and mercy - and hear and attend,
& answer to the cry of thy people this day
recover us from all our wanderings - speak
the word only and say to the iniquity of this
people hitherto shalt thou come - nothing
but thine Allmighty arm - can save us -
O forsake us not in this time of danger
of coldness and inattention - when our enemies
are seeking to overthrow thy cause - O teach
them that they are fighting not against men
but against the Soverign of the Universe
and let us yet be a land of holiness and
virtue - smile upon us in our lawful
employments - preserve us from wasting
sickness and death from sword and famine
but may we in the close of the year come
before thee with our thankoffering and
bless and magnify the name of the Lord -
O thou Author of life - thou hast given me
the prospect of becoming a mother - and
I adore thy goodness in it - and now I come
to thee praying thee to take me and the
child into thy fatherly care - O forsake
not the work of thy own hand - bring it to see
the light - and raise it up to be a praise and

and me

honour to thy name - I now yield my self
and this little being to thy hands - dispose
of us as shall seem good unto - thee - if it
be thy will preserve us in the hour of danger
and give us to rejoice in thy mercy - and
aſsist us to train it up for thy service
but especially be merciful unto my soul
let me not depart hence without the
consolations peculiar to thy children and
may we & all my friends finally be received
to join the aſsembly of thy saints above
thro' Jesus Christ - ~~on~~ whom alone we would
depend. and in whose name I desire at this
time to dedicate my self to thee - Amen

Elizabeth W. Huntington

June 13th - The 24th day of May last - on monday - ~~at~~ a little before two o'clock - it pleased God to grant me safe deliverance in the birth of a son - my mother had been here a month before - and has continued with me ever since - yesterday my father came to carry her home - and both will stay till tomorrow morning - I am now able to be about house and write this account - and O how great are my obligations to love & bless the Lord -

if I am now silent the very stones will
cry out - every circumstance of my
confinement has been ordered in tende
mercy - God hath given us a son a
manchild - and he hath disposed us t
give him unto the Lord - accept him
O thou Author of all our mercies -
let him be raised up to manhood -
and with thou give us wisdom to
train him up in thy fear - give
us hearts to submit to all thy wil
and may we by thy goodness be mad
more useful in the world - and instr
ments of advancing thy kingdom &
glory - reward I pray thee my
Parents for all their kindness mani
fested unto us and bless them with
every favour - particularly the bles
-ing of thy Spirit - and may we all
so conduct as to be admitted at last
to thine heavenly kingdom thy riches
of free grace in thy dear Son our Saviour ame

June 20th 1802 - Sabbath evening —

By the goodness of God I have been enabled
to go to his house and present the little
one which he hath given me unto him who
is his creator ~~and~~ and preserver - the
surrender was I trust cheerful - but unless
the Lord will assist me, I shall never
feel and act as I ought - do thou take the
child into thy fatherly care, blessed Jesus
receive it into thine arms of mercy, and
may thy Spirit sanctify and edify him
in thy will — I cannot have a just
sense the mercies I have received - ~~now~~
tho after my delivery I thought ~~I thou~~
I had - O that I may be kept from get
ting back into this ensnaring and
alluring world - may my affections be
~~[illegible]~~ fixed on God and things divine
more closely - bless we pray thee all
my friends and grant to them all
the favours they need — — which
is asked in the name of our Saviour
Jesus Christ. amen —

August 7th – Tomorrow by the leave of kind Providence – we are to meet at the table of our Saviour – to commemmorate his dying love how can I be thus insensible? – It is my vile heart which inclines continually to that which is sinful – once I had some hope that I had an interest in Christ I could with joy, pray meditate and hear the word – and it seemed to be the sweetest enjoyment I have ever experienced but now all is cold and dead – even after all the goodness of God extended to me – I am as a lifeless branch – if I am indeed a branch – can I be a disciple with all this lukewarmness? – whether I am or not, I know where is my help – thither will I repair, and O that the Holy Spirit might quicken me, so that I may once again rejoice in thy Salvation – have mercy O have mercy Jesus thou Son of David have mercy on me – and not only on me but on all who seek thee especially wilt thou bless all my dear friends and at last bring us to dwell at thy right hand [illegible]

August 14th Whom have I in heaven but thee O thou Divine saviour, and there is none upon earth I desire beside thee — this once was the language of my soul — but now my comforts have fled — for a long time I have been stupid and lifeless — the week past I have been more thoughtful — I have longed for grace — and may I not hope ~~that~~ God hath heard my prayers — he is a prayer hearing God — may I be encouraged to more upon my knees in humble fervent prayer — holy time is once more begun — happy should I be if it could be the beginning of a well-grounded joy in my soul — but I trust all in God's hand, who is merciful thro' the merits of his son even to the evil & unthankful — — and pray that I may be spiritually minded which is life & peace — amen —

August 26th 1802 — I have come to a resolution to lay by one sixth part of the money that is given for marrying — for the purpose of ~~bestowing it for the of the [illegible]~~ giving ~~it~~ to the missionary society — I pray God to assist me ~~to~~ to be faithful — and enable me not to keep back ought — any thing in so good a cause I am unable of myself wilt thou O Lord assist me by thy grace — amen —

June 8th 1803 - Wednesday afternoon - The 8th day of May last, it pleased a merciful Creator, to make me the mother of a living and proper female child my parents arrived on saturday, and she was born, on sabbath day, at six oclock in the evening - how wonderful have been God's mercies during my illness - I have been blessed with health and strength necessary to take care of my two little babes and last sabbath we gave up the second also to the Lord in baptism - in the womb O my Father I gave her into thy hands - receive her as one of thy chosen ones - give us wisdom and grace to train up these precious little ones for thee, let us not view them as our own, but be ready always to submit to thy will concerning them and us - yesterday morning my father and mother left us - gracious God give us gratitude for the interview which we have had and has given us so much pleasure - let none of us forget that thou art the Author of all our mercies and may we ascribe all the praise to thee - take care of us we pray thee while we live in the world - make us useful, faithful unto death and at last give us a crown of life for Jesus sake amen -

August 15th - Once more, unencumbered with visitors, I can retire, to spend an hour in secret devotion - these opportunities have long been allowed me - and it is cause of great humility that I have so carelessly attended upon them I am distinguished by my advantages, and if I perish from under them dreadful indeed will be my condemnation - but alas I have reason to fear that I am going the downward road - should God but speak the word - all would be well - perhaps I sin by thus distrusting - keep me O Lord from this as well as every other and encourage me to hope in thee - hast not thou heard one of my petitions this week? - didst not thou answer it - how pleasing is the idea God heareth our prayers - it renders the blessing doubly sweet - to think that he notices and regards us with compassion - thou seest me to have been ill this week, but thou hast excited some holy desires - & increase them abundantly - while we ask favours for ourselves we would not forget our friends and dear relations and do thou O Lord remember them and unite us in thy covenant will ordered in all things and sure -

August 22d -- This week has been full of labour & company - but my gracious God hath brot me thro' it in safety - on sunday he assisted me to form a resolution against murmering at having company, he hath tried me this week, and I desire to thank him that he hath assisted me so much, and restrained me from sin. he only can do all these things - forgive O Lord, all the sins of which thou hast seen me guilty if by my example, I have encouraged slander, Idleness - dissipation, or thoughtlessness - mercifully forgive I beseech thee -- The father of my husband has been here two or three days - the Lord bless him, in all his ways and all absent friends, and make them all partakers of the benefits which Christ hath purchased for sinners this is the beginning of thy holy day O. let us not attempt the duties of it in our own strength - but relying on thy dear son may we all be strong, and be remembered with a sabbaths blessing. amen

August-29th What a privilege is this to retire to this chamber, and secretly to perform my devotions – here, into the bosom of my God and Redeemer, I can pour forth all my wishes – and deposit all my hopes – this after all is my resting place – what can all earthly friends procure or bestow? It is the Lord who giveth that peace which passeth all understanding of the unholy My husband is gone a journey to Williamstown, and will not return till next friday – solitary indeed I am – but if my Saviour is nigh, I am indeed blessed I confess that at his departure, I was sinful and indulged a degree of grief which I fear was wicked – forgive me O my Father, and enable me in future to, rely solely upon thy grace, and by it may I be guided in the way of virtue and restrained from every thing which shall be displeasing to thy purity & holiness – be with thy servant I pray thee, in his absence, succeed him in his undertaking if consistent with thy will and return him soon, laden with thy goodness – and may this separation to teach us not to love each other supremely, but to give our most devout, and sincere affection to thee – remember all friends and may this sabbath be a time of thy visitation for Jesus sake amen –

Septbr 5th – Mr Lyman of Hatfield and Miss Kellogg of Hadley are here to spend the Sabbath – O Lord thou canst command my thoughts, and amidst the cares of life, thou canst shed abroad thy love in my soul and commune with me in secret – O let me not be interrupted, or call'd from my duty, by any worldly ~~daily~~ concern – but by one sovereign word make me to enjoy thee in all thy institutions – O Lord my Saviour when thy children meet around thy board then may I also appear well washed in thy precious blood, and find thee my only and my certain resting place – my husband came home yesterday afternoon, in safety and I am once more happy in his presence – O bless all friends however widely we may be separated, and be the God of us and ours now & forever amen – –

Sept. 12th I have at commencement the week past - and have been negligent of my duties O my Father pardon, all my numerous offences I pray thee, is not thy mercy great, it is infinite thro' thy son, O for his sake once more gladden my heart, with a belief that I am forgiven, and accepted let it not be forever too late, that I seek for mercy - but grant me the rich communication of thy grace - Thou seest me surrounded with cares, and perplexed with them, yet thou canst compose my distracted mind and speak peace to my poor soul - leave me not O Lord destitute of thy favour whatever else thou callest me to endure let not this be my dreadful portion: preserve me this holy time from confusion, from useless care, from worldly thots, and sins of every kind and grant me and all mine, a sabbaths blessing -

Sept. 19th Mr. Lyon and his wife of Prospect ar
with us; we had company much this
week but praised be God, he hath pro-
vided help - and all necessaries and caused
all things to work for good - when in dark
ness O Lord I will trust in thee for
light and direction and assistance, suffer
me not to profane thy holy time -
but assist me and all my friends
in the duties of thy day - and bless
us in all our wants - for Jesus our
mediators sake - -

Sept. 26th Once more unencumbered with visitors
I am permitted to retire for secret devotion
may I suitably prize and improve this
time of silence, and leisure, and may
each moment of it be dedicated to the
service of God my father - And now
let me record the goodness of the Lord, the
week past, to me - monday night I
was taken quite sick, in the morning
was very unfit to wait on Mr Lyons
who left us that day - after they
were gone my illness encreased to suc
a degree that I was not able to sit

up, with any comfort, and continued three days — during this time God kindly provided a little girl to do my work, and suffered no company to molest me — — now he hath restored my health, and is permitting me to approach him, and to attend to the all-important concerns of my soul — O Lord God let not this precious season be misimproved I beseech thee — thou hast excited me to engage in a religious course, and art giving me anxiety to know my state — may I not rest till I am assured of my title to the heavenly inheritance by the blood of Jesus Christ — — let no other trifling concern, take of my attention, but O be pleased to satisfy me that I am thine — be nigh unto all my dear friends; — grant them all needful favours — visit them above all with thy salvation — assist thy servant, and may we all so improve all the means of grace that we may finally be admitted to dwell with the [illegible]

October, 3d How kindly is God protracting my
life and privileges – and how often are the weeks
coming round – another week is a witness that
God is merciful and very compassionate –
I have heard of the joy of my friends – that a
child a son is born to my brother – the Lord make
us all duly thankful for his great goodness.
but how ill do I conduct under all these
mercies – can it be that I have openly
avouched the Lord to be my God, and
can I thus forget him – but I do not
forget him, & it is my most earnest
desire, to be made conformed to his will
and to please this best of beings; Jesus
is my trust, he is the chief among ten
thousand and altogether lovely – O that
I might have clear and distinct views
of this glorious Saviour, that all the
faculties of my soul may be exerted
in praising and loving him – –
O thou Lord hast returned my pa=
rents home O be pleased to bless them
wherever they are, be thou nigh unto
them to shield them from all danger;
bless all friends, and let thy peculiar
favour be extended to us all on this
thy day and be pleased to work in our
hearts that which is pleasing in thy sight

October 10th - God hath been signally merciful, to me this week; when every way seemed obstructed, he manifestly, wrought for me, and provided a temporal blessing; I trusted in him; but alas how faintly, O may it teach me, evermore, to confide in his goodness - and art thou, O my Father, thus liberally blessing me as to earthly things? and may I not hope, that in spiritual things, which are infinitely and all-important - thou wilt not leave me destitute - Assist my faith, it is weak and apt to waver; strengthen it, and strengthen me, more and more, that I may not loiter, in the race which I have begun - - it is the ~~chr~~ christian race; in it I desire to spend all my remaining days - and altho' I wander, yet Lord thou knowest, that I long to do thy will, and advance thy glory - but such a worm as I can not do it unless thou shalt enable me - O send down thy Spirit, to help me, and guide me into all duty - - this is thy time, may it be consecrated to thee and employed in thy service - ~~may~~ may all my near and dear friends to dear unto thee, and be be enriched with thy grace, and may we so spend this sabbath as to say with joy it hath been a new day and unto us - for Christs sake amen —

October 17th Let me now with becoming seriousness consider all the sins and follies of my conduct the week past, how negligent how unthankful, how forgetful of my heavenly Father but Lord thou knowest, that it is the prevailing and constant desire of my heart to be conformed to thy will – and wilt not thou who only hast excited these desires, O wilt not thou finally satisfy them? – it is from thee O God that every wish to serve thee proceeds, and may I not hope then that because thou art a gracious and forgiving God, thou wilt in thine own good time speak peace and salvation to my drooping soul – I am thine O Father, receive me as thy child – I am thine blessed Saviour, clothe me with the robe of thy righteousness – and O thou Eternal Spirit, I am thine, therefore come into my soul and take up thine abode there, sanctify me, quicken and guide me, that I may no more wander from my duty – but safe in the protection of the Holy Trinity may I cheerfully walk in the good and right way – thro' this life, to thy kingdom above – bless all my friends with every thing needful – but especially grant them an interest in thy dear Son – amen –

October. 24th I have great cause of thankfulness to God this week, he hath been pleased to give me health again, and some degree of strength, hath prospered me in my labours. hath given me good news from my parents. a prospect of visiting them, and temporal favours in abundance; for all these may I return a tribute of praise — but O my soul, how dost thou requite this constant, and kind benefactor? — alas! with indifference, disobedience, and neglect — O thou blessed redeemer, who didst promise thy Spirit to thy followers and to those who ask sincerely be pleased to send thy Spirit with all his quickening and comforting powers to animate and encourage me in the way of holiness — I have hoped that I had set out in this way but I fear it is all a delusion — O my father leave me not thus uncertain, O teach me my true state, and let me trust and believe on Christ to the salvation of my soul — keep all my near and dear friends as in thy hand preserve them in thy fear from all harm, and let us all see on the morrow one of the days of the son of m

October 31st Tomorrow by the leave of providence
I am coming to the table of the Lord, once
more - the sins of which I have been guilty
render it amazing that I am yet alive, &
still within the reach of mercy - but O
the love & kindness of my gracious Lord,
he is still holding out the golden sceptre
or he is suffering me to treasure up
wrath against the day of wrath - O my
redeemer - let it not be so. O let not thy
merits and thy blood be lost upon me -
for thy own mercy's sake make me a
monument of thy victorious grace, and
make me an heir with thyself - grant
unto me some token of thy gracious
presence O speak unto my soul in a
still small voice words of comfort & assur-
ance - - say unto my wretched soul thy
sins are forgiven thee, O Lord such a
consolation would be more valuable than
all the delights of this mortal state
be pleased to remember all my friends
and relations with all needful blessings
O deny them not the joy of believing in
Jesus Christ and fill us all with thy
quickening spirit

o.br 7th Another week is gone; while I thus keep a
record of the passing time, it ought to awaken
me to a diligent enquiry. whether it is spent
in the service of my God, to whom I have
so often dedicated myself, with all my powers
both of body & mind - It is indeed a conso:
lation to plead this covenant, to come to
my father, as unto a Being reconciled by
the death of his Son - and call myself his
child - entreating him to accept of me, &
make me such as shall be pleasing in
his sight - but it is indeed surprizing, to
think that I am still in a state of probation
so much negligence, so much ingratitude &
so little pleasure in devotion; & this vileness
is sufficient to sink me to the lowest deep
of hell - but here is all my hope, Jesus
hath wrought out a complete righteousness
and in him alone is there hope; others like
me are wicked - and others have been saved
by him - then let me not despair, tho' my
sins be as scarlet - the blood of Christ is
ufficient to washe them all away - O
then thou great High Priest - cast a look of
pity upon me and help me - thou canst
be touched with a feeling of my infirmities
plead with the Father - O reconcile him even
unto thy poor servant - infinite is thy pow
er O let thy compassion be equal - thou
who didst say to thy petitioners when on earth
ly. believe all things are possible to them that
lieve - grant unto me and all mine a be-
ing humble temper, and we shall be blest indeed amen

Sabbath day — December 13th Litchfield — 1801 —
My Saviour who hath formed and
preserved me, hath again brought me
home in peace — he hath kindly blessed
me, in the company of my dear paren
granted me a most pleasing visit with
them and hath caused us to part in pea
And now let me remember all his favou
and renewedly give myself and all my
powers and faculties to be employed in
his service — let me commit to him
those dear parents — who are so kind &
indulgent to me — graciously dwell
with them, comfort and edify them — p
long O Lord their lives healths & all the
enjoyments — and bless us who are absen
from them — O be thou O God our help
and our strength our guide and portion
and tho' such a distance separates o
bodies — let thy good Spirit dwell with u
all — quicken us in duty — comfort and
enlighten us — — preserve us all from
distrust anxiety — and worldlimindedness
and fix our affections & hopes on thy
self alone thro' Jesus Christ our Sav-
iour — who is ever a prevalent inter-
cessor — and for his sake also bless all our frien
with ever needful favour — amen —
giving [illegible] quickening Spirit [illegible]

emb 19th How much beyond my hopes are all the dealings of God towards me — when I was almost despairing of health — to go thro' with my necessary business — I have found that as my day is so is my strength — and will God do so much for my body, and temporal welfare — and leave my soul destitute and comfortless — shall I indeed believe that, I am to have all my good things in this life? — O gracious God — let it not be — rather take from me these earthly comforts — valuable as they are — than suffer me at last, to lie down in torments — — Am I too much attached to my friends? — thou only art able to moderate this love — — and O that thou wouldest — raise my affections to thyself and there fix them supremely and unalterably The Lord's day is approaching — with it may our souls, feel new desires after holiness & conformity to God — — may we spend the day wholly in thy service — and by happy experience learn that God will bless his own institutions, for the good of his people — To thee — O thou All present Being — do I commit my dear parents and friends — watch over them in tender mercy — supply all their needs — and bless them under their various circumstances — above all withhold not thy spirit from any of us — thro' Jesus Christ thy Son amen

December 28th By the mercy and care of Go
I have been preserved another week & I can
testify that infinite goodness is a glorious att
=bute of God - what else could could account f
all these favours upon upon a poor worm
But unless Jesus had died - we must a
have perished without mercy - O how a
=stonishing is the condescension of our Lord
who took upon him the human nat
and suffered and died to save us from
everlasting death - - How should all
our affections be engaged to love this glo
=rious Being - none but an Almighty
power can thus engage us; If thou
wilt thou canst make me clean -
say the word only & I shall be made -
Draw me once more to thee and
cause me to hear thy loving kindness
return unto me as in days of old - and O
manifest thy self unto me with clea
ness that I may once more believe
that thou art reconciled unto me
Be pleased to remember with thy m
all my friends who are absent, and
=give unto us joy in believing th
Jesus Christ who is all our hope
give [illegible] are our salvation [illegible]
quickening spirit [illegible]

Hadley Novbr 15th 1801 — Mr Hopkins this morning
preached from Ezra 9th 6th O my God I am ashamed &c &
this afternoon from 1st John — 3d 8th For this purpose
the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy
the works of the devil — Glory be to God forever, that
Christ hath taken upon him our nature &
by his own death destroyed him that hath
the power of death — never can we fully compre=
hend the wonders of this act — but O may we
believe in him to the salvation of our souls
I thank thee O my Father for thy mercies of
the last week that thou didst conduct me
home in safety and permittedst me to meet
my friends in health & safety — thou hast allow
-ed me to go to thine house and didst there
give me some life in praising thee. O for=
give all my sins and accept me in thy
dear Son — O my Almighty friend thou hast
seperated me from my husband, this dear frien
whom thou hast given me — O be pleased mer=
=cifully to provide all things for his comfort —
above all may this absence teach us to place
our supreme regard on thyself — that we may
be enabled at our final parting to rejoice in
the prospect of spending a glorious eternity
with thee above — be pleased O Lord to bless us
in all our ways, and in thy own good time
grant that we may meett in peace health
and safety and spend our time in religious
intercourse than we have hitherto done — all
which I ask in the name & for the sake of Jesus
my only trust and resting place amen

Nov. 22d - This morning Mr Hopkins preached from James 2d - 10th - upon the nature of sin in one point - if we transgress one law or command we are guilty of all, for if our conscience will permit us to offend in one point - if temptation should come, we should offend in any other, but we must be sincere in our endeavours and desires after holiness and conformity to God - ~~the~~ our inability to keep the law should teach us how much we owe to God for the gift of his Son - and lead us to adore him, and trust in him - This afternoon Matthew 13th 13th they seeing see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand - we must all awake from this stupidity or we shall forever sink, and be lost - praised be God for his goodness last night and this day in secret prayer last night, the Lord kindly granted me some display of his goodness and I was amazed that he could ever notice such a worm as I am - O may every pious exercise be perfected in me, that I may not only enjoy comfort myself but edify others also - O most gracious God who art in all places alike - be pleased to be with and bless my husband with every needful favour preserve him from every evil - and in thy own good time grant that we may meet - and dwell upon thy goodness, and no more live to ourselves but to thee our covenant God

Nov: 26 Thanksgiving day — Mr Hopkins gave us a discourse from Acts 17th 26th and hath made of one blood all nations that dwell on the earth, and appointed the bounds of their habitation —

~~It is~~ A year ago, I was viewing with anxious expectation the time appointed for my marriage with Mr ~~Sh~~ Huntington — it seemed a state awfully uncertain and I hardly durst to look forward to it — but O the kindness of my compassionate Master — I could not have conceived it possible that so much comfort was to be my portion — as I have enjoyed in the society of this dear husband — the Lord hath continued my parents & other friends — and added these new ones, so well beloved now and dear to me — but alas I fear we are preparing a rod for ourselves — gracious make our affection for each other a secondary object — let thy glory be our first and chief concern — & attach us supremely to thyself ~~and~~ give us to contemplate together, thy adorable perfections; and whatever thou designest for us the coming year — O let us not fail of thy grace in Christ — As thou hast mercifully preserved us and our parents to another day of Thanksgiving — O be pleased still to bless — spare our lives we beseech thee our health and our comforts — and cause us ~~[illegible]~~ to rejoice in thy goodness — be pleased to bring my husband, brother [illegible] thy chosen time — that we may meet in peace with all absent friends, and grant us to adore all thy patience and loving kindness for the sake of our Saviour amen

Nov. 29th Doctor Parsons preached today from Isiah
24th 16th - O my leanness my leanness - Wo unto
me - - saints by not bringing forth the fruits
of holiness dishonour God, and give occasion to
the enemy to blaspheme, the reasons why
saints are thus lean - is their neglect of
the ordinances of God - not improving to their
own advantage the good examples of others -
&c - but they may in vain hope for peace
as long as they continue in the mere usages of
ordinary devotion - they must join fasting
with their prayers - and must be contin
ually in the use of self-examination - to in
wherein they first went astray - and pray
earnestly that the Holy Spirit may
sanctify them wholly - gracious Lord
wilt thou accompany thy word this da
heard with thy teaching and influences -
let it not be as water spilt on the ground
but mercifully enable us to live by it, tha
we may be quickened in our zeal - and ani
mated, cheerfully to commit all our concer
into thy hand thro' thy dear son - wilt
thou extend mercy to all our absent
friends - and they need - be pleased to bless
& direct thy servant my husband in al
his ways - and when thou seest best
bring us together in peace - fitted to devote a
all into thy hand thro' a merciful redeemer -

December 6th – Communion day – I must lament my barrenness – and coldness – the Lord pity & help me It is a year since I was here to attend the Lord's table – great have been my blessings since that time O for grace to live to serve my adorable master – Mr Hopkins preached from Psalms 118th 23d This is the Lord's doing and marvellous in our eyes – the death of Christ is the work of God – he gave his only begotten Son – for sinners – we cannot fully comprehend the love of God in this – but it should encourage us to believe and hope in his mercy for salvation thro' him – This afternoon the text was in Ephesians 5th 2d Walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us – christians should imitate their Lord in love – to him & their fellow creatures – – by doing this they increase their own happiness – and glorify God – – Father forgive all the sins of this day – and accept my thanks that thou hast brought my husband to me in circumstances of comfort – that thou art still continuing to surround us with thy goodness – O constrain us and all ours to serve thee, and love thee – make us thine form us for thy service and cleanse us from all our iniquity thro' the blood of Christ Jesus

December 13th Litchfield — Mr Huntington preached this morning from Luke 5th 31 — They that are whole need not a Physician but they that are sick — the character of the sick was described — as being helpless — blind to moral beauty — and unable to help themselves — but Jesus is the great Physician and if we use the means which he hath appointed we may hope for a remedy — a cure — let us adore God for this plan of salvation, and trust in him thro' Christ for all that pardon and grace which we need — I have been prospered on my journey — been blessed in the company of my parents & friends — and have returned in safety — and all because the Lord hath helped me and mine, O that my life may be in some measure answerable to the multitude of mercies I have received — — this afternoon the text was in Matthew 16th 26th For what is a man profited if he should gain the whole world & lose his own soul — &c — the world can never be gained by any and even if it could what would it be worth in comparison of the happiness of the soul which is to exist forever — these questions were given — Do I seek and have I been seeking the world or the good of my soul — and what do I intend in future to do — what account shall I render at the last day to my Judge — gracious God prepare me and all my dear friends for that great event — & every [illegible]

December 20th Today the text was in Judges 5th 23d
Curse ye Meroz &c — God hath a cause in the
it has opposers with Satan at their head — but
they shall not prevail — altho they seem to
triumph — The King of the earth and of
the universe will finally conquer — but in
seasons of darkness and fear — we should trust
in the Lord — and keep close to his com=
mands — and see that we lose not our hold
for God only is our refuge — bless thy word
O Lord and prepare us all to seek thy
face — and enjoy thy presence, for Christs sake
This afternoon the text was the same — the truth
was that all who oppose religion, the cause
of God, will be cursed of him — the im=
provement was addressed first to those who had
openly espoused the cause of Christ — comforting
them, by the idea that under all darkness there
is hope & room for great joy — those who have
hitherto been negligent were warned of the danger of
continuing so — for those who are not for me says
Christ are against me — and to those who openly
have joined themselves to Satan there remains
only cursings and final destruction — hear my
prayers O Lord, for my friends, and parents — bless
them O Lord with every favour which they need
shew us all the way of duty — and lead us there
in to thyself in glory thro Jesus Christ Amen —

Decemb^r 27^th Mr. Backus of Bethlem preached today in the forenoon the rain prevented my going out this afternoon his text was in Jude 11^th verse — Woe unto them, for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward — and perished in the gainsaying of Core — or Korah — — ever since religion was in the world it has been corrupted — by the way of Cain is meant, his dislike of God's soverignty — — the error of Balaam — is thirst for wealth and honour — and the gainsaying of Core — was his abusing the people of God — and saying Ye take too much upon you — and thus shall the men of this generation perish, and be punished with their own doings — if benevolence could be malicious, and that malice, exprest in a wish — ~~it [illegible] sinners of our day would~~ it would be, that they might succeed in their own plans — — — We have great consolation, from the consideration that tho there is but a small minority on God's part — yet his cause will prevail the pillars of his government cannot be shaken, and there can never be a revolution in his government — Bless trespasses O Lord — forgive our sins — and go with us into all the duties of life and we shall never have cause to fear — and bestow the same favours upon all our dear friends & brethren

Litchfield August 2d 1811 - From the discourse today, I am led to enquire, whether there was ever a work of grace wrought in my soul? - Alas! that it should be still a matter of doubt - the text was in John - 16th chapter, and 8th verse And when he is come he will reprove the world of sin - Christ sends his Spirit into the hearts of the children of men - or they would never be benefited by his death - he does this sometimes by violent measures - and at others by more long and less observable convictions - he always makes use of means, such as we all in this enlightened land enjoy - and if we do not exert ourselves, but baffle and grieve his Spirit - we must forever perish - O Lord avert so dreadful a doom - assist us this afternoon to come up again to thy house, and O bless us with the rich influences of thy grace for Christ's sake - - This afternoon the sermon was from the same text, upon the means of grace, or conviction, and advantages of it - the first are the scriptures - ~~the~~ our own meditations, an early religious education - alarming providences, the awakening of others, &c - altho' conviction does not always end in saving conversion, yet it prepares the mind for it and the sinner is more likely to be regenerated when he has a sense of his sin; he is more diligent in searching the word of God and obtaining instruction. - I beseech thee O Lord by thy Spirit to acquaint me with my true state; bless all my friends - and tho' we are separated from each other may we never be separated from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord

August 9th Because sentence against an evil work is not speedily executed &c Ecclesiastes 8th 11th the principal cause of all the wickedness in the world - is unbelief ---- I must mourn my sins this day - my heart seems seared as with a hot iron - not one filial sensati no humble confidence in God - or faith on my Saviour this day, O that I could mourn with a godly sorrow which worketh repentance - and I shall again be destitu if I enjoy not thy presence O Lord - go with me I entreat thee - to thine house and there grant me some tokens of thy gracious presence - and bless us all for Christs sake -- This afternoon the text wa in Luke 21st 8th Take heed that ye be not deceived - Men try to flatter themselves into a belie that there is no God, or if there is, that there is no overruling providence - but we have as much proof of the existence of God as we have of any person - his works are manifestly performed by his boundles power and goodness - and to be good he must be just, and punish the ungodly as well as save the penitent - our live are hung upon a slender thread, we ough therefore now speedily to close with Christ and make our calling and election sure thanks be to God that my father sister and brother are with me; my heavenly Fath takes the kindest care of me; what shall I render to him for all his benefits? let me take the cup of salvation - and rejoice in his name - wilt thou graciously bless us all - while we are together - those who are present and my dear absent parent and relatives - preserve us from all sin and every evil - lead us in the way of all duty - and as the best of all thy gifts send down thy Spirit to comfort quicken and edify us for Christ's sake - - amen -

Augt 16th Today the discourses were upon these words of John 3 - 7th Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again - - men are naturally in a state of sin - and of them=selves they cannot recover, neither in the use of means is there any efficacy to regenerate them - but God in his mercy is pleased to accompany the means with his power and Spirit - and thus doth he ever choose to deal with them - It should humble us, that while around us he hath ~~man~~ifested his presence, we should from time to time, be indulged with opportu=nities and yet no awakening no revival it should excite us, to be frequent & earnest at the throne of grace for the effusions of the blessed Spirit - again I must lament my coldness - grant me O thou Father of mercies - and mediator of the new covenant, a new and living faith cheer my heart with the belief of thy promises and bless this family and all our dear connections with all things for the present and future life -

August 23d Acts 20th 21st Testifying to the jews
and also to the Greeks repentance toward God &
without repentance we cannot be saved - but
to repent because the injury is done to our
selves is not evangelical repentance which
means an abhorrence of sin as committed
against a holy and perfect being - it is not
to weep and cry out, but it is to be humble,
it makes good members of society - it
palsies the tongue of slander, hushes the
voice of strife - and calumny - and leads us
to do good to all especially ~~[illegible]~~ as we
have opportunity - Let me O Lord be excited
to put no trust in my own works - but
trust in Jesus Christ - assist us O Lord
this afternoon in thy worship - and engage
our hearts to serve thee in all parts of duty
And faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ - was the
text this afternoon the verse with that of the
morning - - there is a faith of education, a
faith of ~~[illegible]~~ rational conviction, of selfishness
&c - - but this is not saving faith - but
it is believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, his
resurrection and intercession; and by our
conduct proving that his glory is near our heart
we can best evidence to the world our union
with him - I have been very dull this afternoon
O my father forgive me and make me to
know that thou art reconciled thro' thy ransom
grant all needful favours to my parents and
near friends - bless us O Lord this week with thy presence
and restrain us from all sin. -

August 30th Mr Mills of Torringford preached this morning from Hosea 13th 9th O Israel thou hast destroyed thyself but in me is thine help upon the doctrine of election — by sin man hath ruined himself, he cannot recover his lost state, and if there can not be help from abroad, he must perish, here then is the glorious and joyful truth, In me is thine help, God sent his son into the world, and instead of receiving him cordially sinners slew him — as if a man should send his only son into the field to his servants to call them to dinner, and they should rise up and kill him. but God does just as he is a mind to with us — and we should adore his sovreignty and grace, in declaring that he hath elected some to everlasting life — bless us this afternoon and make us love thee better, and believe in thee more firmly — — for Christ's sake — —

Blessed be God for his grace in singing this afternoon; confirm unto me O Lord a full belief in thy mercy, and may my soul ne'er more despair, thou hast been kind unto me in times past, Now O Lord in this time of solitude repeat thy visits — and cheer me with a ray of hope which shall not again depart from me; I pray thee bless my husband prosper him in his absence and return him soon, that we may talk of all thy wondrous works — and extend bless of thy mercy unto my other friends and unto me, and let us all be favoured with thy presence in all our ways — the text was Galations 1st — 15th and 16th verses — upon St Paul's conversion —

Sept-6th- Mr. Lyman of Hatfield preached from
2d Timothy 3d chapter, to the 9th verse - up
the perils of these latter days - the sacra
ment of the Lord's supper was administered
by Mr. Lyman - my heart was not so deep
affected as at the last time, but I was ena-
bled to resign myself and all that I am or
have into the hands of God thro' Christ;
I had some realizing sense of the suffering
of my Saviour, and some penitence
for my sins, with gratitude for the
thousand mercies I enjoy - these Lord
were all from thy hand, and I desir
to praise thee for them; O my Savio
let me not come from thy table, &
lose all the comfort, but graciously
continue to bless me & cheer me with
the smiles of thy blessed face - and O wil
thou make it manifest, that I
have indeed been with Jesus - this
afternoon we had the same subject
two excellent sermons, and I pray that
they may bring glory to God in th
conversion of many here - & comfort u
with the hope of a heaven of happine
when we have past these troubles -
and that Zion will be an eternal glo
the joy of many generations - direct & help
all wherever we are this week, and keep
from all sin and evil, thro' thy son - -

Sept. 13th— Doctor Parsons preached to-day from Jeremiah 5th– 31st The prophets prophecy falsely and the priests bear rule thro' their means, and my people love to have it so – sinners love to live in sin, and are always offended with those who tell them of it – not considering, that the way which they follow will lead down to the chambers of death — they cannot escape from this condition, but by the sovereign pleasure of God – who hath a right to do what he will with his own – may God bless his word to us all – and prepare us to appear in his presence, this afternoon pleasing in his sight – and with a devout humble frame of mind – that we may receive his blessing thro' Jesus Christ –

This afternoon Mr. Strong of Norwich preached from 2d Timothy, 4th Ch. 6 I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand — Some even in our days he says have had a presentiment of their sudden death – few indeed can say they have no fear of death – only the hardened infidel and humble believer in Christ — let us so conduct as to secure an interest in Christ, and we shall meet death, not only without fear but with triumph —

A second time this afternoon, we had preaching

from Doctor Parsons, his text was in Colossians
3d - 11th But Christ is all and in all - - he i
1o first in the work of illumination. 2 Jus=
tification. renovation - growth in grace and al
the virtues of the gospel - how reasonable &
necessary therefore is it, for all to make hi
their portion - he can destroy all our foe
and grant us the victory over every tempt
tion - and art thou mine? O Joyful
thought - could I but believe this, and
feel that God thro' him was reconciled
to me, I should not value all the gran
deur of the pleasures of the world; Lord
'tis enough if thou art mine; thou
knowest this to be my sincere desire
and wilt not thou satisfy the longing
which thy own mercy hast created -
suffer not the word which I have hear
to wither, but may I meditate upon
it, and may it be instrumental in
my future glorifying thy name - O Lord
assist me this week in all its duties
whatever thou allot me to do, may I
see thy hand in it, and do it with
my might, and wilt thou be with
all my friends, my parents, brothers
and sisters, with their families - suit
thy mercies to all their needs, and
above all grant us thy love, and finally
receive us to thy self = for Jesus sake

Sept- 20th Mr Lyon, preached from Hebrews 6th, 11th
And we desire that every one of you do shew
the same diligence to the full assurance of
hope unto the end- - many think they
shall some time have an interest in Christ
others hope they have now but it is a
wavering belief- but to have the assur
ance of hope- we must be much in
prayer, and sorrow for our sins- and must
have confidence toward God thro Jesus
Christ- - O may I have more access to thee
this afternoon- my Gracious Father - an
come unto me I pray thee, and bless me-
This afternoon the text was in Matthew 13th 43d-
Then shall the righteous shine forth as the
sun in the kingdom of their father-
discribing the happiness of the saints
in heaven- the evils of pain sickness
sorrow for friends- and sins will be re=
moved- and all the joys which are above
our comprehension will be given them-
and perhaps as they will be made like
angels in their knowledge and happiness
they may share their offices- and be em
ployed as ministering servants to Christ
probably on earth- may I and all my
friends so hear & remember that our
souls may live- bless us O my Father
this day and week and do all for us that
shall seem good unto thee, but above all
let us submit to thee and trust in thee thro'

Sept: 27th Again in silence without visitors, I can
spend a sabbath in the duties of religion, than
ks to God who hath given me health and strength
to go up to his house, and hear my husband
once more instruct us from these words of Acts
13th 38th and 39th Be it known unto you &c - and b
him all that believe, are justified from all
things, from which they could not be justify'd
by the law of Moses -- we have justification
by Christ - thro' faith in him; but faith does
not exclude works - for he that hath faith,
will strive to do all things commanded in
the law, then he can never do, and it is
matter of great encouragement, that God
will pardon us thro' the redemption there
is in his Son - continue thy blessing an
presence this afternoon and let this be a
time of love to us all — The same subject
this afternoon continued - faith is the prin
ciple of every good action - that faith which
unites to Christ - but this faith will not
be a condition of salvation to the heathen -
for they have never heard of it - as faith
without works is dead let us strive daily
to believe and to do all things commanded
us in the word of God - may thy blessing
rest on us and all my dear friends - give u
a holy submission to thy will, a comparative con
tempt of this world, and a longing after heaven -
[illegible]

Oct. 4th / Another time unoccupied by company. the Lord is kindly assisting me to attend his worship and the private duties of the day - - the text was in Romans 8th 13th - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God - Family distinction and high birth are the chief things in which men glory - but how much more honourable is it, to be called the sons of God - if we are his sons it is by adoption, for we are naturally enemies to him by reason of wicked works - the children of God are obedient to his commands - love him above all beings; seek to please him rejoice when his cause flourishes & submit without whining to his will - I may I examine my heart, and know whether I am one of God's children and may the word do us all good, for Christ's sake - - The subject this afternoon the same as the morning - If we belong to the family of God we can come to him in all circumstances, and pour out our hearts to him - and as earthly parents are ready to give their children good gifts, so is our heavenly father infinitely more willing to give us his spirit if we sincerely and humbly ask it - Bless what we have this day heard let it not forgotten, but may we bring forth fruit to the glory of God - forgive all my sins - and cleanse me in Christ's blood - take thy kind care of all my dear friends and make us all blessed this week and forever.

for Christ's sake Amen - - -

Oct. 11th — But ye are not in the flesh, but i the spirit, if so be the Spirit of God dwell in you Romans 8th 9th Tho' many ridicule the idea that our bodies are temples of the holy Ghost yet it is clearly expressed in the scriptures— we must be careful not to mistake a superstiti ardour, for the noble enthusiasm of religion— and we should not be discouraged if for a time we are tryed with the hidings of God's face; when we are walking in the right way, not inclining to wander, he leaves us to go on. but when we are about to do wickedly, he then appears for us and helps us— ma I hope this to be my case, Lord thou knowe that I desire conformity to thy will; O bless me as thou hast promised— that none sha seek thee or wait for thee in vain— make this day profitable unto our souls, for Je sake —— the text this afternoon was in 1st Thessalonians 5th 23d And the very God of peace sanctify & the soul. is the animal life, the seat of the passions, the spirit is the nobler intelligence, by which we are capable of immortal life— if w are sanctified, we make a sanctified use of all afflictions, of prosperity— adversity, of the means of grace, and we are looking for a better country— where may we all arrive and be glorified thro' free grace in Jesus Christ— if it be pleased O my God— to dwell with all m friends, grant unto us all wisdom to do thy will, and above all to be prepared to spend an eternal day of rest with thee above— an

October 18th Luke 13th 7th Behold these three years, I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none; cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground. - Three years, said my husband, have elapsed since our connexion as minister and people was formed - whether we have mutually done our duty, that day which is to try all hearts, will determine he shewed what was meant by the three years the fruit which is expected, the reasonableness of our Lord's looking for fruit, and the discouragements and temptations which ministers have to encounter, the fear of offending those on whose bounty they subsist - O God of mercy let this no longer be a barren figtree in thy vineyard but graciously visit us with thy refreshing grace, assist thy servant to speak all that shall be for thy glory - and restrain him from offending whoever else may be offended - and do us all good by waiting on thee in thine earthly house, for Christ's sake. amen - This afternoon upon the neglect of ministers, to pray for their people - and of the people's neglecting to pray their ministers, want of cordiality - when they envy their ministers, differ from him in political opinions - &c. these are all a cause of barrenness - it is not the duty of a minister to visit all his peop they should come to his study when they feel anxious for their souls and he will gladly instruct and pray with them -

thee, for Christ's sake Amen - - -

it is the duty of every minister to preach
against the vices of the times, and when
religion is attacked to set their faces as a
flint and to preach the whole gospel.
for Christ himself, wept over Jerusalem
and said O Jerusalem Jerusalem thou that
killest the prophets and stonest them that
are sent unto thee how often would I have
gathered thy children together even as a
hen gathereth her chickens under her wings
and ye would not, behold your house is
left unto you desolate - we were exhorted to
reform of the sins specify'd, and beware
lest the Lord of the vineyard pronounce
the sentence in the text, cut it down
why cumbereth it the ground - and we
be cast into the fire which never shall
be quenched - O may the God of mercy
hear our prayer, and assist us to examine
our hearts and lives - and so to profit by
the word as to save our souls from death
O my father hear me when I pray thee
to bless all my dear friends, care for them
and in mercy watch over them that
we may all in due time meet and see
of thy salvation - bless us this week, and
assist us in every duty - restrain us from
all sin give us trust in thee nearness
to thee, and and strength to do our duty
as unto God - for the sake of the great Redeemer and
[illegible]

October, 25th - Mr Wight of Milton preached from Acts 7th
51st Ye stiff necked and uncircumcised in heart
and ears ye do always resist the holy Ghost
This may be applied with equal propriety to
sinners of this day as to those in the time
of Stephen - God is inviting and warning us
by his word and works, and by the punish=
ment of others to repent and turn but we
refuse - O touch our hearts Allmighty
grace and we shall be made alive to holi=
ness - forgive all the sins of this day &
of days past - and give us this afternoon to
experience of thy special presence, and rich
improvement from these means of grace - -

This afternoon the text was in Acts 5th 31st Him hath
God exalted with his right hand to be a prince and a Saviour, to give
repentance to Israel and ~~remission~~ forgiveness of sins, from the
highest glory Jesus was pleased to descend and dwell
upon earth, to die for sinners - but God exalted him
to give him all power, that he might be a
Saviour touched with the feeling of our infirm
=ities and able to succour them that are tempt
=ed - what cause of gratitude and joy is this -
Blessed Jesus - suffer me to plead with thee -
wilt thou not have mercy upon sinners? -
thou wilt - O then have mercy on me - let me
know my condition - let me know my duty
the great things that pertain to my salva=
tion - and give me faith to the saving of my
soul - remember all absent friends with thy
peculiar favour - and lead them all in the good
way which leadeth unto life - bless us all this
week - and enable us every moment to live unto
thee, for Christ's sake Amen - - -

Nov. 1st 1801 - The table of the Lord hath this day been spread with his own flesh and dying blood I have been admitted to this sacred feast - and hope I have not come away wholly comfortless I am a barren figtree, but if I know any thing of my own heart, I do long for conformity to God - I place all my dependence upon him thro' Jesus Christ - - and cheerfully trust his mercy and grace - this is all my hope - and this I can not give up - - Mr H - preached from 1st Corinthians 11th 28th - But let a man examine him self &c - - he put many questions to us, to assist us in this duty - we ought never to perform our private or secret devotions without doing this - how much less ought we to rush into the presence of our Lord in partaking of the supper without it - - I thank thee O Lord that I have again been permitted to meet thy saints - I do indeed love thy habitation Lord - O let me never abuse or misimprove this sacred privilege - make it by thy grace a means of my advancement in holiness & if thou hast begun a good work which I would fain believe, O suffer it not to languish - appear for my help & my Almighty Friend - for if thou art for me, in vain shall it be for Satan the world or my own heart to rise up against me - - - bless us all this afternoon, and communicate thy grace unto our hearts.

this afternoon the text was in Luke 16th 31st - If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded tho' one rose from the dead - modern sceptics are like the Pharisees of old - they want stronger evidence than a standing revelation - but Lord I desire no more I believe all things contained in thy Holy word - and desire that thou wouldest form me by this model - cleanse me from all guilt - in the blood of Christ - remember mercy for all my absent friends & bless them with health and safety - but above all bless them with thy good Spirit, and the light of thy countenance, that they may no more wander in darkness - - graciously direct and assist us in all the duties & employments of life this week - & keep us near to thy self - prepare us for all events and at last for thyself and kingdom for the sake of our Divine Redeemer - amen - -

Nov. 8th - Mr Williams of Harwinton preached this morning from the 89th Psalm 15th verse - blessed is the people that know the joyful sound, they shall walk O Lord in the light of thy countenance - the joyful sound is more particularly the word of God contained in the Holy Bible - the generality of men do not hear this sound with understanding some hear or read it not at all others do both but not spiritually discerning it - others, a few do indeed hear and walk in the light of God's countenance - these shall be ever blessed and nothing shall ever move them - some object to experimental religion and deny its existence - because it cannot be des=

=cribed - but neither can we describe the difference
in the taste of food - there are some who are
to be made happy to all eternity, and others who
will be completely miserable - the Lord preserve
us from this latter dreadful state and by the
means and opportunities of grace prepare us
for thyself and thy immediate service - bless
thy servant where thou hast called him this
day, strengthen him to the duties of the day
and bless his labours to multitudes of thy crea=
tures - This afternoon the text was in Psalm 119th 54th
verse Thy statutes have been my songs in the house
of my pilgrimage - - keeping the ordinances &
institutions of God will make us most comfort
=able here - will give us the best support in death
and give us the hope of a future state of glory
and joy complete - - we should attend the wor=
ship of God in public private & secret - we should
attend the sacrament of baptism and the Lord's
supper - if we perform all the duties we find
pointed out to us in the gospel - and trust in
the blood of Christ - we may be assured that God
will be our Father - we shall rejoice in his sover
=eignty and ever say thy will be done - I thank
thee O Lord for what thou hast caused me to feel
this afternoon, it was thy work and thine shall
be the praise - long is it since thou hast af-
forded me such a season, O depart not from me
but with loving kindness wilt thou visit me -
O Lord bless us all this week - if thou permittest me
to take the proposed journey, provide for the comfort
of my husband - and O bring us again together to
safety to praise thee - may I meet my friends in health
and peace - and Lord whether thou returnest me or
O may I be brought at last to thyself. with all my friends through Jesus Christ amen

Jany 3 - Another season of communion - it ought to be matter of thankfulness that since I have made a profession of religion, no opportunity, ~~either~~ thro sickness or any other cause has been deprived me - considering my unfruitfulness, how justly might I have not only been debarred here, but ever cut off forever - O the longsuffering and goodness of God - Our glorious Saviour was set forth as precious to all true believers - 1st Peter 2d 6th in Zion a chief corner stone elect precious - is he precious to me; O indeed he is contrary as is my practice, and temper, yet he is my delight & my hope, my joy & my rest. I thank thee, that I have this day enjoyed some sense of thy presence - Lord I esteem thy table, the most glorious, and most happy place on earth. O fill me with more ardent longings for thee and to be like thee and O satisfy the desires which thou shalt create - prepare us to meet again in thine house and sanctify us for thy worship. - This afternoon the text was in Corinthians Ye are not your own but ye are bought with a price therefore glorify God with your bodies &c - mankind conduct as if they were at their own disposal - but God sheweth by taking their lives that they are not - christians should be careful not to do any thing to dishonour God their Saviour, and continually remember that they are bought with a price - may I so improve the opportunities of this day as to glorify thee and may all my future conduct be agreeable to thy will and may all my friends share in every needful blessing for Christs sake amen -

Jany 10th The text this morning was in Galations 6th 14th God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ — wisdom strength honour and riches aswell as every thing of a worldly nature are insufficient grounds of glorying — but the cross of Christ, by which God is reconciled to man, is a proper object for us all to glory in here let us with weeping eyes and penitent hearts lay our selves down, imploring the mercy of God thro' his Son — Lord we come we wait upon thee outwardly and do not our hearts also, seek thee and thy grace — graciously meet us this afternoon and let us see of thy salvation — let us feel a devotional frame, and let our hearts be suitably affected by the golden opportunities which we enjoy engage our hearts wholly in religion, and speak unto us words of comfort for Christs sake —

This afternoon Doctor Clarkson preached from Jeremiah 8th 22d Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there why then is not the health &c — Jesus is the ~~Phy~~ Physician, he has the balm; by nature mankind are diseased wholly — and the reason why they will not come and accept of help, is because they will not see their need — — forgive all my sins gracious God wash me in the precious fountain of the blood of thy dear Son, and give me thy joy to believe indeed that I am thine, and that nothing shall finally separate between my soul & its glorious Saviour — be pleased to bless my husband, and confirm him in the bel of all thy word — be nigh unto my absent friends, dea mercifully with them all; and lead them unto that neve failing fountain which flows from thy right hand thro' Jesus Christ our blessed Lord amen —

Jan'y 17th. – God forbid that I should glory &c — by whom ~~I am crucified to~~ the world is crucified unto me as I unto the world – the glory and splendour of the world will be disregarded by all those who love the cross of Christ — the cross teaches us to resignation patience, forgiveness – and above all, as a sure event which awaits us all, it teaches us how to die – let us then look to Jesus on the cross that we may learn not to live well only but to die in peace – – the sermon had much comfort in it for if God hath done so much for us, will he not freely give us all things – O that I could believe with assurance that I was reconciled to God – but this I would hope; is a privilege not granted, to all who are indeed christians – let me then with patience and hope wait on the Lord in the ways which he hath appointed – peradventure – he will shew me his salvation for his mercy's sake in Jesus Christ – amen – –

This afternoon the text was in Isaiah 24th 16th But I said my leanness, my leanness, woe unto me – – this is spiritual leanness – saints are cold and languid sinners are subjects of a more dreadful leanness we should try to discover this state – by comparing ourselves with what we once were – and with other christians, we should seek advice of some experienced friend; and above all look to God by earnest prayer and he will help us, his promises are rich &c. full and free, – ever firm – and in Jesus Christ we may have hope, – O may I take courage from all that I have heard and felt this day – & may it be as a refreshing draught – to strengthen me in my future course – dwell with all my friends – enrich them with all favours – but above all with eternal life thro' Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Jany 24th – Proverbs 3d 5th 6th Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, &c – on A Providence – God is the controller of all our actions, how this is consistent with freeagency is not comprehended by us, but because of this we must not reject the doctrine – but ascribe all the praise to him who is the just and perfect, and omnipotent Jehovah – – we must omit no endeavour on our part, but do all as if we had all to do, and still rely upon free grace for help entirely – O may I not refuse all the calls of my master – turn me O Lord, I call upon thee, and to such thou hast said thou art near – give me some token that thou dost look upon me in mercy – and save me by thy power and grace in thine

John 1st 11th 12th 13th he came unto his own and his own received him not. &c. Of those who refuse Christ there are three sorts – the open unbeliever, the practical unbeliever & avowed infidel – Christ is coming unto his own now as much as when he was upon earth – and yet strange ingratitude we receive him not – but if we will receive him we may become the sons of God – O that we were wise – that we did indeed see our salvation secure in Jesus – Lord teach me from thy word providences and all means, O teach me and comp me to trust in and love thee – to open my heart with joy to this glorious Saviour – and embrace him cordially – – hear me in behalf of all those friends which thou hast blessed me with – and suit thy mer to all their needs especially wilt thou grant us all grace and strength to serve thee with all our hearts – and prepare us for thy rest at last thro' the mediation of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ amen –

Jany 31st The discourse today is from Isaiah 40th 1st
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people saith your God –
occasioned in some degree by the death of Nancy
Pierce the last week – the comfort here mentioned
is designed only for the people of God – he had then
a covenant people the Jews – he has now a covenant
people tho' no whole nation – all mankind are
his by creation and preservation – but christians
only are here meant to be comforted – – it is a
source of great comfort that they are no longer
enemies to God – but are reconciled by the death of
Christ – that they have a loving and compassion-
ate Saviour to go to – that they have the prospect
not only of a life beyond this, but, a life of neverending
happiness – ~~[illegible]~~ there are some afflictions
peculiar to the people of God and others which they
share in common with the wicked – such are the
loss of friends &c – those of christians are the hidings
of God's face – they are then bound to look into the
sacred volume – and apply the promises and comforts
of to themselves – – This afternoon a continuation
with an encouragement, to mourning saints to apply these comforts
and a description of the happiness of heaven. – to
Can I hear all these glorious truths and not long to
be like to Christ – to be forever with him – is my
heart set on any thing in the world –? Lord thou
knowest I love my earthly friends – and thou
knowest if I idolize them – if I do – O teach it to
me and assist me to love thee supremely –
grant me more watchfulness – and may I have
an abiding sense of thy presence, and look up
to thee continually for every needed mercy – and
regard also with tenderness my absent friends, and
cause that all of us may share in the fullness there
is in Christ our Saviour Amen –

Feby 7th — Mr H— preached from Romans 12th 18th If it be
possible as much as lieth in you live peaceably with
all men. — — — We should cultivate that disposition which
Christ manifested when upon earth — leave off contention
before it be meddled with — — rather think too well
of people than harbour an unjust suspicion — should
be much in prayer to God — for direction under all
trials — that he would forgive them and grant
us a forgiving temper — bless thy word to us &
let us this afternoon feel abundantly the influ
ences of thy grace to quicken us in every duty
This afternoon the text was in Matthew — — — these words
I am not come to send peace but the sword — this
cannot be meant the design of Christs coming —
of those who are the subjects of his religion manifest
the contrary — and his other words all join to
prove that his gospel is mild and gentle — this
then alludes to the consequences of his coming — happy
indeed is it that he condescended to appear in our
world — by him a ray of light breaks in upon us
to guide us thro' this wilderness world — and conduct
us to a region of never ending joy — O that we
might justly esteem and prize and improve
this inestimable favour — teach me O Lord
what I know not — confirm me in the
right way — and give me to feel that I am
thine forever — I ask it not because I am
worthy or have the least claim — but because
thou art pleased with thy son as mediator &
intercessor — I pray thee to visit all my friends
with thy forgiving love — and grant them all
things which thou seest them to need — forgive
all my sins of the day past — and give us all
strength to go forward in thy service with new
joy, and holy love — that we may at last be received to thy [illegible] thro' Jesus Christ amen

Feby - 14th - The text today was upon these words of Matthew 11th 16th 17th - But whereunto shall I liken this generation, they are like unto children sitting in the markets and calling one to another we piped unto you and ye have not danced we have mourned unto you and ye have not lamented - ~~[illegible]~~ in former times it was usual for people at their feasts to have musick of a lively kind and at funerals that of a mournful sort - and people at both to dance and lament - the children imitated these things in their sports, and our Lord illustrates the unreasonable complaints of the people - by this which had grown into a proverb - we see the frowardness of these times by the murmurings of people at the doctrines of the gospel - they were not pleased with a covenant of works else why did they ever sin? - they dislike the way of salvation, or why do they not embrace it - - - This afternoon the subject continued - shewing the uneasiness of mankind with the doctrine of election - with the ordinances, with ministers - but if they go on they will end in ruin - and aggravated will be their destruction - - - turn then, O ye sinners, why will ye die - - - Let thy word gracious God have effect upon the hardened - O let it not be forgotten - let thy Spirit remind them of it - and let them have no peace till they repent, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ - O let thy saints now in these times of apostacy and danger - O let them flee to thy arms of thy mercy - let our confidence in thee be entire and by our conduct, may we shew to the scoffers of the age - that we stand firm in the Lord, of sorts - - bless all my friends, shew them thy salvation - and bring us all at last to sit down with thee in thy kingdom through Jesus Christ

Feby. 21st Mr Judd preached from Phillippians 3d 7th 8th - Paul counted all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus his Lord - - he considered first what those things were which he once counted gain - 2dly the knowledge which he had attained and thirdly the excellency of it - - - may I never sett too great a value upon any thing below - neither may I rest in a bare profession of religion, I have dedicated myself to the Lord but may I not trust in this, let me only rely on the mercy of God in Jesus Christ - may he be all my salvation and all my desire and may indeed believe to the saving of my soul - may I be satisfied with thy government and be willing, nay may I rejoice to commit all my concerns to him who is infinitely able to keep that which I commit unto him - bless O Lord the word of thy grace this day dispensed - let none despise it - but cause them to remember that all despisers shall wonder and perish - - and may thy saints be edified, be animated to go on in thy strength not being discouraged by all the evils which threaten thy church - knowing that all is in thy hand & will be brought to a ~~h~~ happy conclusion - remember with thy mercy all my absent friends and do unto them according to their necessities and thy bounty mercy thro' Jesus Christ who alone is tous; × thy to be the mediator between God and man

Feby 28th. It has been storming all day, and great part of the last week; there has been but one meeting today, and that I was not able to attend, but I hope not to spend the day unprofitably. I know ~~that~~ God can send a portion to those who seek his face, tho' they assemble not in his house — but O how good is it to go to the house of God, to join in publicly and socially worshipping him — there he hath promised to bless his people — O may I not abuse or neglect this privilege — I have been reading Edwards on the affections, — may I thereby be enabled to form a just judgement of my own state — let me not be deceived, O Lord, thou searcher of hearts, do thou graciously assist me, and lead me in the way everlasting — be gracious to all my dear friends, and shine into their hearts with Divine light, and give them to see & feel that they are united to Christ — and when thou shalt see best, be pleased to bring us together in safety — but especially with gratitude to thee & faith on dear Lord Jesus Christ, whom we would take for our portion here and hereafter — amen.

March 7th — again I must be absent from the house of God — hard indeed is the task — I am not detained by ~~my own~~ sickness or my own opinion — but in compliance with Mr Huntington's wishes, who fear, I shall take the measles by going to meeting — God grant that it may not be charged against us — O Lord is it from selfish or worldly principles that I thus long to to go into thy courts; "How amiable are thy tabernacles - O Lord of Hosts - My soul longeth, yea even fainteth for the courts of the Lord - blessed are they that dwell in thy house, they will be still praising thee - A day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door keeper in the house of God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness". I have too shamefully abused the privilege of meeting thy saints; & tho' I have not neglected it - yet my thoughts too often have been with the eyes of the fool at the ends of earth - Yet be gracious unto me I beseech thee O Lord, forgive my sins, and grant me once more to worship thee in thy sanctuary -- but if thou hast otherwise determined, grant me I pray thee submission to thy will, and a blessing even here - give me some token of thy favour and let me rejoice in the loving kindness of the Lord. - If I am soon to be cut off and laid in the grave, may my soul open to its Maker, and in him find a reconcile friend thro' the atonement of Jesus Christ - let me not be driven from thee at last among those who have despised thee, but own O Lord God for the sake of thy dear Son - Extend mercy to all my friends, according to the several wants - but especially feed them with heavenly blessings thro' Jesus Christ - and grant us the joy to meet in health & safety in thy good time -

March 14th — Sunday forenoon — — This is the third sabbath, that I have been absent from meeting and mourning for the same — today the trial is aggravated, for the followers of the Lamb are to meet around the table of their dying Lord — there to express their faith in his atonement, and receive the tokens of his love this is the first time that I have been so unhappy as not to be able, to join in this blessed employment, since I have been a member of the church — which is four years; this is owing to the Divine goodness, which has always been exerted in my behalf — let me rejoice that I have been so long blessed with the privilege — while I mourn my absence of it — — and wilt thou not, O my Saviour, bless me here — thou regardest not the place — for thou art in all places alike — O then come down and shed abroad thy love in my cold dead heart, that I may once more live to thee — O let me feel what it is to believe on thee, and to see by faith, that thou art my reconciled God — — Bless all thy saints this day — and manifest thyself unto them as thou dost not to the world — graciously be near my parents — make us all thankful that we have once more met in peace — and grant that by all these favours we may be prepared to join at last in celebrating thy praises in thy kingdom above

March 21st 1802 - O for thanks, equal to the mercies
of this day, - I have been at meeting - and I
have felt that God is indeed in the midst
of his assemblies - while singing, I had a sweet
sense of the goodness of God and could, I think,
say, Were I in heaven without my God.
'Twould be no joy to me
And while this earth is my abode
I long for none but thee - Am I deceived?
or do I indeed love the Lord, and am I
one of his children? - O for more full assur=
ance - the text was in Ephesians 1st 11th
Who worketh all things according to &c - I thank
thee O Lord that thou didst give me such a
comfortable trust in thee and so much sat=
=isfaction in hearing that thou art on the
throne; O leave me not any more to distrust
thy mercy - but bless me still with thy
presence which is life itself - - This afternoon
the text was in Job 9th 4th, who hath hardened
himself against him & prospered - shewing how
foolish & vain are all efforts to oppose the govern
ment God - and that all who thus oppose will
in the end be destroyed with a dreadful des=
=truction - O what comfort was held out to all
who love God & his cause; bless the Lord O my
soul, and praise him, who sitteth upon the
circle of the heavens, and let him ever be thy
fear & thy joy - forgive all my sins O Lord, and
let the opportunity I have this day enjoyed,
be improved, in such a manner as to cause
me to rejoice that I have been in thy courts - pre
vent all evil consequences - and let thy blessings [illegible]
on all my friends and blessings sa

March 28th ~~3d~~ The text this morning was in 1st Corinth 3d-19th. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God — there is a worldly wisdom not offensive to God — which is compatible with religion — but the wisdom ~~of this~~ here spoken of — is not of this kind — 1st the distinction between these was pointed out — 2dly what are the characteristics of this wisdom spoken of — ~~and~~ 3dly it despises the institutions of God. and the peculiar doctrines of the gospel — blessed be his name he needs not the talents of the great and learned tho' some of this description in every age have been advocates for his cause — this afternoon the discourse was continued — and O that it might be made a mean of conviction to those who pour contempt on the Divine character — I cannot express my gratitude. O my Father that thou hast granted me this such feelings — such faith and trust, and such freedom in prayer — O may thy servant my husband long be my helper and comfort — may ~~be~~ we live nearer thy mercy seat — and mutually enliven and animate each other — Be gracious to my parents brothers and sisters — and supply all their needs — watch over them for good support and comfort us all by thine Holy Spirit and at last receive us to thy kingdom above for the sake of our glorious Saviour Amen —

April 4th The text was in Isaiah - Woe is me for I am a man of unclean lips - &c - - for I have seen the king the Lord of Hosts - - If we have a proper sense of the glory and perfections of God - we shall dwindle into nothing at the thought - the character of our Saviour was drawn, and we were invited to copy from his blessed example - O blessed Jesus - didst thou do all for sinners and can I say this glorious Being is my friend is he my Saviour? - and will he at last be my portion? - - O what joy what the idea give me, if I could indeed know it to be so - but I ought not to expect this assurance while I live so far from God and duty - quicken me more and more, and let thy Spirit guide me in paths of righteousness and peace - I thank thee for the mercies of this day - how did my heart rejoice while singing of the bright heaven which shall at last bless the eyes of thy saints O give me more and more of this divine comfort, that I may be prepared at last to worship thee above for Christs sake -

This afternoon the text was in Genesis 42d 36th all these things are against me - Good people are afflicted as well as the wicked - they cannot now see the end - but they will one day see that all was right - and for their good - they ought to search and know for what God is contending with them and improve wisely every providence of God - may we all act wisely our parts, that we may at last join the redeemed in ascribing praise and glory to him that sitteth on the throne and to the lamb forever & ever - have not my friends - but bless them all I beseech thee and assist all to serve thee thro' Jesus Christ amen. -

April 19th The wages of sin is death. Romans 6th — By it our hearts are fill'd with every evil passion, our imaginations are continually fixed on sinful pleasures, the loss of friends which is as the tearing asunder of soul & body is the fruit of sin, but most of all the death in the text means the death of the soul or its final punishment in hell – what must be the sensations of a soul just quitting this life, on reviewing his wicked conduct – he has no support, where can he look for help – the God from whom he received his life and blessings, is not reconciled – and he cannot look to him – and as death finds him so will the judgment – then in vain will he call to the rocks and mountains to cover him, he must stand at the left hand of his Judge, and tho' he make many excuses and try to justify himself, he must hear the dreadful doom "depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire" – ~~O [illegible] [illegible] think~~ Should Christ at this moment descend, and call us to an account, would there not be some who would appear at left hand – if we could ascertain who that would be, how should we mourn over and cry for mercy on him, alas is it not the condition of number, – O let us now think of these things, and prepare to meet our Judge, that we may be found of him in peace – – Merciful Father, I pray thee to forgive me all my sins which I have this morning committed against thee, and grant me a spirit of abasement and supplication that I may mourn for my sins, and be excited to repair to the only mediator, worthy

dear Son

This afternoon upon the connection between Adam
sin and that of his posterity. we are not sinn
until we become moral agents — — — — June
Tomorrow it is proposed that my husband &
I shall set out on a journey to his and my
friends — almost four months have passed since
I became a resident here — and O how serene
have they gone — but for the absence of my
parents, I could not have framed a wish for
the things of this world — but alas! my heart
which I hoped in the conversation of this
excellent man, would have become better, I
find is a dreadful seat of wickedness —
and the sin is so much the more aggravated
by the boundless goodness of God to me —
both in the means of grace and the mercies
of life — O wash me I beseech thee
O Lord from all my pollution — And
now I am once more going to visit my
native place, and my dear parents, whose
spared lives are such a blessing — the Lord only
knows whether I shall ever return; I trust in
thee O my God, I know thou wilt do all things
well, and I commit my way and all my
concerns to thy direction — In this I would be
importunate, O leave me not, bless me I pray
thee with thy presence, and the influences of
thy grace, and wherever I go may I know
that the Lord is my God, and Jesus my Saviour

May 3d Having been inocculated with the small-Pox, I was forced to stay at home today felt rather unwell — it leads me to search & try whither I am a child of God — should my health never be restored, could I hope to be saved, without a more thorough reformation am I now prepared to meet my Judge? these enquiries to my soul, are of the utmost importance, and my eternal life depends upon the answer I can give to them — I know whom I have believed, I have made a covenant with God, and have taken Jesus Christ, for my Saviour the Holy Spirit for my sanctifier, and by the grace of God I desire to be guided into all duty — — — my sins I know are aggravated, but Jesus, hath died, to him I resign my soul to be washed in his blood — blessed redeemer, when thou wast on earth thou didst not refuse one humble suppliant — deign now from thy throne of glory — to cast a look of pity — shine into my soul I pray thee, and quicken me to every duty — bless me and mine I beseech thee this week preserve us all from sickness and all evil but especially from sin, for Christs sake amen —

May 2d - Hadley — Blessed be my God, that he hath preserved us, and brought us home that his dealings to me have been so merciful — on our journey he kept us from every danger, prospered us in all our ways and brought us home in safety — O that I might be excited by all his mercies to devote myself in future entirely to his service. O Lord thou has brought me once more to this paternal roof in peace, and in my absence hast blessed me with the kindness of the dearest friend — It is all from the treasure of thy goodness — teach me I pray thee how to glorify thy name. — I beseech thee take care of me and the husband thou hast given me while we are separated bless us both with much of thy presence, and assistance that we may honour thee and be pleased in good time to bring us together in safety — I pray thee to preserve me from selfishness guard me O Lord and prevent any ill consequences to follow the steps I have taken grant me a sabbath's blessing I pray thee, and if I tarry from thy house O bless me I pray thee with thy grace — and O leave not thy servant but bless us all for C sake

Written in May 1801 – during a confinement
with the Small Pox

With clouds and darkness, and the gloom of death,
My mind was overcast: scarce one bright ray
Appear'd, scarce one faint hope arose to cheer
And comfort my sad heart – sorrowing and faint
I rais'd to heaven a fervent prayer – To God
I made my supplication, thro' his Son
Besought him to have mercy and to save
My flesh from death. – In goodness infinite
He heard; and eas'd my pain: – Jesus, my Lord
(If such a wretch may dare, thee thus to call)
From this time forth, I would be wholly thine.
A poor and sinful offering at the best,
Made up of vice and folly: – But that word
Which first from chaos form'd this mighty globe
With all its countless wonders, can with ease
Create my heart anew ~~and give me life~~.

The Whip Poor Will –

Sweet bird awake, renew thy gentle lay
And warble still from night till dawning day. –
Tho' all of melody and music soft
Be not in thee, yet hast thou charm'd me oft –
Oft from ~~my~~ eyes has sleep been chas'd away,
And all the rural pleasures of the day
By notes of thine; which infancy first heard,
When all was peace, and sorrow scarcely fear'd. –

Sam'l S. Whip Poor

Litchfield Feby 25th 1802

Beneath a cloud with scarce a glimm'ring ray,
I walk forlorn, and wander from my way.
From the blest way which once I joyful chose
To Tread for life, but trifles vain oppose-
Once with delight to worship God I went
His sacred day in sacred duties spent
Call'd on his name nor long an answer sought,
His Spirit came & consolation brought-
O happy days! - and will ye not return?
Must I forever your departure mourn-?
But for this darkness there is sure a cause,
A righteous God acts but by righteous laws.
Does he from those who love him sometimes
His blessed presence and almost forsake-.
It is because they first his love forget
Abuse his goodness, or his precepts quit-
Yet still amidst this gloom one hope appe
A hope whose firmness sometimes quells my fea
To those who truly seek their Father's fa
He shews the light of his forgiving grace-
Rise then my soul, in contemplation soar,
Trust in thy God, thro' Jesus, and adore -

Dearest of men, Alworthie ~~with~~ joy I bear ~~thy~~ his name,
And pay the duties which, ~~thy~~ his virtues claim
Nor does his heart disown love's sacred flame —
Have I a husband then whose generous mind,
Unites thy will and power to ~~bless~~ mankind,
Not slack to warn, nor willing to offend,
To serve his God highest aim and end —:
In such a friend I am and will rejoice
Nor fail to raise to heaven my thankful voice
Grant me, kind Father, while I dwell below
This friend to guide me all my journey thro'
O let us live as one in tenderest love,
Nor be disjoin'd at last, but join'd to thee above,

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Dear is thy name; which gives to me, bestows
a blessing ~~for me~~, richer than ~~wealth~~ from India flows

Have I a husband then whose generous mind
Unites the wish & ~~will~~ power to teach ~~and guide~~ mankind-
Not slack to warn, nor ~~willing~~ forward to offend;
To serve his God, his highest aim and end
In such a friend I can and will rejoice
Nor ~~[illegible]~~ fail to raise to heaven my grateful voice - above
~~Grateful to Heaven~~ while I dwell ~~beneath~~
Grant me, kind Father, ~~when I quit this earth~~
This ~~dearest~~ friend to guide me all my journey thro'!
~~beneath united by the tenderest ties~~
& ~~ob~~ let us live as one, ~~knit~~ in tenderest love
Nor be disjoin'd at death but ~~[illegible]~~ thee above

Boston, May 31st Mr Kirkland preached from these words in Matthew Come unto me all ye that labour &c — The loving kindness of the Lord I have experienced largely — how bountiful art thou O God Almighty — just and merciful art thou in all thy ways and works, amidst all the sins of my heart and life, still thou findest room for thy favor and love to be exerted towards me — O leave me not in the most important matter, & withhold not thy spirit from me — condescend O my redeemer, to visit me with some rays of light from thy blessed countenance — soften my hard heart, and altho' my sins abound may thy grace infinitely more abound — wash away all my aggravated crimes in thy blood which is sufficient to cleanse the world — bless thy servant, I pray thee this afternoon, assist and strengthen him by thy good Spirit, that he may not speak for himself, but for thee O Lord and may it be a word in season to many and do thy people good, as it doth the upright preserve him from the fear of man, and may his affections all be elevated above the trifling opinions of the world, — — This afternoon Mr H preached from Kings — and all Israel shall mourn for him &c — upon the death of

Abijah and the importance of the education of children — — Bleſsed be thy name O God, that thou hast been with us this afternoon, and kept us from danger — O may our hearts be impreſsed with the truths we have this day heard, and make them influential upon our lives — may love thee more, for every opportunity we enjoy — grant thy bleſsing upon our parents we pray thee and preserve them from sickneſs and fatigue and bring us in safety together again we entreat thee in due time — take the kind care of us O Lord — and as we journey from one place to another, may we go about doing good, and enjoy the inestimable favour of thy presence and bleſsing thro' Jesus Christ, we ask these favours and beseech thee not to leave us nor suffer us to leave thee our strength and health, and our Salvation amen —

Saturday 6 June – Hadley – Thanks and praise be ascribed to our God — who doeth wonderfully — let my tongue I pray thee, speak, and my heart feel the gratitude which is so justly thy due, O let me not waste in wantonneſs the precious bleſsings thou affordest me but may my spared life, and recovered health, be thine entirely and forever, — O Lord continue thy mercy to us and all our friends, present and absent and bleſs us all with the tokens of thy favor & presence for Christ's sake — amen

Oct. 22d 1803 Why art thou cast down O my soul? Is not the God, whom thou hast taken for thy portion, the same kind Father who hath ever sustained thee, and who hath at times seemed so precious to thee? - Yes he is the same. he changeth not - blessed be his name, he is the Rock of Ages - but thou hast gone backward, hast refused to walk in close communion with him, hast loved the world, been mindful of the meat which perisheth, to the neglect of that which endureth to eternal life. these things hast thou done, and hast grieved his holy Spirit, and caused him to hide his life-giving countenance - now therefore what wilt thou do? - these things for which thou hast forsaken thy God, can never satisfy thee, can never wash thee from thy sins and give thee peace beyond the grave - it is for these sins, thou art disquieted - now where wilt thou go, and what wilt thou do for help? - alas nothing, of thyself, for all thou canst do, unassisted, is abomination in the sight of a holy God - but is there no help no hope? - O Yes there is both - there is balm in Gilead, and a Physician there - O let me then fly to this glorious helper - this Jesus who is the frien of sinners - with his own mouth he hath declared that he came into the world to call sinners to repentance, he came to seek & save that which was lost - what amaz=ing condescending love - that the Lord of life and glory should pity his rebellious creatures, even to that degree that he should die for them - and when I see him doing all this, and behold him seated on a throne of glory and Allmighty power - can I hesitate? - can I for a moment despair? - gracious Redeemer - I come to thee, I know that thou livest and reignest, and that thou delightest to shew mercy to those who ask of thee aright - I pray thee therefore to give me a proper frame of spirit & forgive all my coldness backwardness, and neglect; wash me thoroughly in thy own most precious blood, & O send down thy blessed Spirit into my heart, to lead and assist me in Duty - let me no more mourn thy absence Lord but rejoice at all times as near thee - - I pray thee to bless all my friends - & take care of the little ones thou has given us sanctify them I pray thee and bring us all at last to dwell with thee above - I commit my self ~~to thee once more~~ & all mine once more to thee O Father Son and Holy Ghost - amen - E.W.H.-

November 10th 1805 - sabbath evening -

This is the fourth time that I have occasion, to come unto thee gracious God, to present unto thee the work of thy own hands -- the 7th of last month on monday night at eleven oclock I was safely delivered of another daughter - great has been the kindness of the Lord in all the circumstances of my illness - and now he hath so far recovered me to health, that last sabbath, I was able to go to his house, and dedicate this little one also to him -- accept her O Lord as thine own, and fit her for thy service - take all these little ones I beseech thee into thy family, and let none of them fall a prey to the adversary of ſouls - give us all needful grace, to train them up in thy fear - and teach them early the way of virtue and religion - and let us all finally be made meet for thy heavenly kingdom, thro' boundless riches of grace in Jesus Christ - and for his sake, I desire once more to give up myself to thee Father, Son, and Holy Ghost - amen

E. W. Huntington

May 18th Blessed be God who hath this day suffered me to hear the word of life from one of his ministers - President Dwight preached from Ecclesiastes 2d - 3d - I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine &c - in the morning he shewed how vain it is to expect happiness from the gratification of our appetites and passions - the sensualist thinks surely if I follow the dictates of passion I shall find that good which satisfies the soul - but he only gains short lived tho perhaps exquisite pleasures, and to them succeed loathing sloth - sickness poverty, and the ruin of his family - The miser - acts a despicable part - in heaping up ~~gold~~ - while he denys himself the use of it - and in laying up wealth for an uncertain heir - - The child of ambition acts a more splendid and honourable part, and is more useful to society - but he is vexed with disappointments - - "and shall I chase a rainbow which ~~[illegible]~~ can never be overtaken, beautiful indeed to look at, but not to be enjoyed" - the man of science ~~[illegible]~~ may it imagine that he is certainly ~~the~~ in the road to happiness but if all were like him studious and retired, ~~it is~~ where would be the welfare and good of society - it would be better to turn hermits - but it will not produce happiness to himself for his feeble frame and languid appearance prove that it does not -

In the afternoon he made many enquiries concerning that thing wherein he should find that for which he was seeking personating the sober man, the man of sense, and tolerable information — Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole that concerneth man — he brought many arguments to prove that religion is the surest way to happiness; its professors, if only in tolerable circumstances are always serene, and enjoy the good things of life with a greater relish than the voluptuary the miser, the votary of ambition, the man of science and taste but there may be a hereafter, and I may exist forever — if I believe the gospel, my prospects are glorious — and I am sure it is true, I am convinced that Godliness is profitable having the promise of the life that now is and that which is to come, "To this course I will betake myself for happiness here and for happiness hereafter"; — — ~~ma~~

Most mighty God, thou knowest all my wanderings, my sins are not hidden from thine All searching eye; many and aggravated have my sins been this day — yet Lord forgive me for Christs sake — grant that the good word which I have this day heard may be treasured up in a faithfull memory — and wilt thou be pleased to grant me thy spirit in its quickening enlightening & sanctifying influences —

— January 2d 1802 — Litchfield. — —

Let me once more record with my own hand the goodneſs of God to me his sinful servant — I would thank him for the mercies of the past year, as well as my whole life — for the many opportunities of seeking his face in this retirement — and that he has at times given me some devotional frames; alas! because of my sins, these have been too few — O may his grace in this new year, enable me to live nearer to him, and obtain more full aſsurance that he is reconciled to me by Jesus Christ — the death of our glorious Saviour, is tomorrow to be represented, and his broken body, and streaming blood to be offered again to his children — O may I come among them, and taste and see that the Lord is gracious — thou knowest that I desire to belong wholly to thee my heavenly Master — accept of another dedication of myself to thee — O take me into thy family and dispose of me according to thy perfect will — for I am thine — and make all mine thine even according to the mercy of God in Jesus Christ Amen —

Eliza. W. Huntington —

Jany 9th Pardon from God to guilty man!
Infinite wisdom form'd the plan;
So full of love, so rich in grace,
So wonderfull in righteousness—
This is the theme which saints admire,
Which fills them with devotion's fire.
O let me too in concert join
To praise the work 'tis all divine—

What abundant cause of gratitude have the events of this day given me — last night Mr. H— was taken with great distress of mind; terror lest all his former works had been hypocritical, & his hope which he had been accustomed to entertain groundless — we had little rest; he would sometimes cry out what shall I do, I fear I have sinned away the day of grace — &c. O pray for me; — — this morning it was much the same; — but O how did my heart go out in ardent desires for his relief — I trust my faith was truly firm —, I felt that God was infinitely able, and thro' Jesus Christ he was willing; I did indeed plead his promises, and what he had done for others — and with cheerfulness left all with him — he has scattered the doubts and given light and comfort — — for this and every other mercy let all the praise be given to God — I pray thee not to suffer either of us to deceive ourselves with a false hope, but assist us to search diligently whether these things are so — bless all my friends with those favours which thou seest them to need thro' Jesus Christ

January 16th 1802 - I have been abundantly favoured this week as to temporals; my health has been better, and I have been prospered in my business some articles too which I very much needed but which I could see no prospect of getting have come to hand, and in a way which I could not have expected; I heard from my friends good things, that they are still in health and safety - and now let me ask once more what shall I render to the Lord, for all his kindness? - I cannot be profitable to my Maker; for I am a vile wretch, poluted and enfeebled by sin - - this only does our God, who is so infinite in goodness require; that we love him supremely - can it be that we need to be command-ed to do this? yes certainly, and assisted too or we shall never do it acceptably - let me learn from the experience of this week always to trust in God - does he grant me these momentary favours, and will he refuse that which is infinitely more valuable; O save me from having my portion in this life, rather I pray thee, take from me these inferiour gifts than suffer me, by them to be led astray and to forget the one thing needful - O deal kindly by all my friends I pray thee as their day is may their strength be, and at last be pleased to bring us all together, in thy kingdom to dwell in thy presence forever thro Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour - amen - -

Jany 23d How can it be that such a vile forgetful ungrateful creature should still have a space of repentance, it is because God is merciful, and Christ hath died — methinks I am more cold and backward to duty than ever — but the Lord knoweth I desire to serve him — O that his Spirit might assist me, in all the duties of his Sabbath — both public and private — ma me to feel sensibly thy presence — that I may once more rejoice in my covenant God and may all dear to me share in the blessings of thy grace thro' Jesus Christ — and finally may we all meet in thy kingdom above, and forever be to the praise of thy glorious grace in thy dear son. amen —

Jany 30th There is still a door of mercy — it stands open for all & for me among the rest. — sometimes I have indulged a hope that I had passed from death unto life — and then, I feel such a load of sin, as make me almost despair — yet this I am resolved upon, I will never give over, I will not give up my confidence that God is able; ~~and~~ if he is able, perhaps he will one day be willing; then again I fear I do wrong in hesitating, I fear I do not enjoy that comfort that I might and thereby dishonour God — O my Father thou only canst bring me to light and joy be pleased to lead me in a way that I know not, and bring me unto the fountain of living water — there permit me to drink draughts of the water of life, that I may no more

thirst — if thou dost not have compassion
on me, I must perish — O save me for
thy mercy sake, let it be to thy praise
that my soul is redeemed by the blood
of thy son for in him is there all
fullness — O send down a portion of thy
spirit to guide and comfort me on my
journey thro' this wilderness world — and
whether it be long or short I pray thee
not to leave me — wilt thou bless me
with thy peculiar presence on thy holy
day — and grant to all my friends those
consolations which are neither few nor
small — I thank thee for the good news
thou causedst me to hear this week —
suffer me not to be ungrateful, but
always praising thee — and wilt thou
continue thy goodness to thy handmaid
and bring us all safe at last to thy
kingdom, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord =

Feby — 6th The last Thursday I was twenty three years
old — God hath prolonged my life — and crowned it with
loving kindness — the year past I have not felt that
life in religion, which I did the year before — have
I indulged a false hope — O my God are all the
comfortable frames I have enjoyed a delusion? —
~~[illegible]~~ what caused ~~that~~ delight in prayer — &
reading the word of God — ~~was it not~~ that
joy in contemplating thy dealings with my soul
if I am redeemed by the blood of Christ — I
pray thee give me to see [illegible] and believe
O send thy Spirit to work in my heart the

glorious persuasion — And now I beseech thee
take me into thy care & keeping, thou only
knowest whether I shall see another birth
day — a period is approaching which often
proves fatal to women — I beseech thee O my
Almighty Father to be with me, and whether
in life or death — may I be thine forever —
the past year thou didst carry me thro' the
small Pox — thy power is unlimited and I
desire to place unlimited confidence in thy
goodneſs — bleſs all my near and dear frie
with all favours needful — O be kind to
us all on thy sabbath — and cause us to
serve thee, and enjoy thee thro' Jesus Chr
Novr 13th This is the prelude to the Lord's da
a day on which God & Christ delight to wo
upon the hearts of their children, encourag
by this consideration, I come to thee & ask
thy bleſsing O deny me not, lead my thots
to all serious subjects and give me bright
views of them, and grant that I may
advance a sabbath days journey to
heaven — make some glorious discov
ies of thyself to my soul that I may
say heartily my Lord & my God — bleſs
all my relations & friends and cause all
our names to be written in the Lambs
book of life — and let all the glory be
given to the Father Son & Spirit amen —

Febr 20th Welcome thou day of rest; welcome to this poor soul, so occupied with the care of this world, as almost to forget, there is a future endless state of existence - this is the harvest day - O may I reap some benefit by the precious opportunity - may I seek & serve the living God - the God of my life - how good how kind and gracious art thou unto me - thou art indeed the best of beings - infinitely holy wise and powerful - and this is the God who is inviting me to come into his presence, and honour him. but can such a worm honour the God of heaven ?- not only a feeble worm - but but a vile rebel - - astonishing is the mercy of God to me in preserving me out hell - O that I might indeed be enabled to dedicate all my powers as well as advantages, to him who is so rich in mercy to me - - - the ~~past~~ week I have been favoured with sufficient help, & have heard agreeable things from my parents - O may the blessing of heaven continually rest upon them, and if it be best, may I soon have the satisfaction of seeing them - but more especially may they and all other friends share largely in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and may we all experience a good day, a sabbath of the Lord - the outpourings of his Spirit, that our souls may grow and thrive and bring forth fruit to the praise of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have had a few lively affections this week, O increase them, thou Lord of life - amen. -

Feb 27th 1802 - This week has been stormy, and neithe
going nor coming has been done - but the Lord is
with us as much in the storm as sunshine -
blessed be his name, that we have a comfortable
residence and the comforts and conveniences of
life - that we have health and are blessed with
tranquility in our domestic as well as public
concerns, his sabbaths are still continued, &
his worship is not yet prohibited - tho' from
the growing iniquity of the times we are led
to fear these privileges will soon be denied
us, - Gracious God avert such an evil,
and cause thy name to be feared in the
earth, - O appear in defence of thy own
cause - do not thy children cry unto thee
saying spare thy people, O Lord, and give
not thine heritage to reproach - let us ye
rejoice in the Lord, and triumph in th
power and grace - - and do thou O Lord
bless me - let me not be flattered into a
belief that I am one of thine unless it be
truly so - assist me to search my heart &
life, and thy word - and O may thy Spirit
teach me what is my condition - gran
unto all my friends the peculiar blessings
of thy grace - and may we all spend every
part of thy sabbath, in thy fear - and be
accepted thro' the merits of thy dear Son - wh
alone is our trust & mediator Amen - -

March 6th Another week has gone, and to whom has it been devoted, & has it been spent in the service of that God who constantly upholds me in life, and crowns me with his loving kindness - my heart must answer in the negative - dreadfully as it will witness against me - where then is my hope? - none is to be found in my own righteousness it is all as filthy rags - indeed it is wickedness only - - but there is a hope my soul, vile as thou art - there is one who hath completed an everlasting righteousness - the great Saviour of sinners - even the Lord Jesus Christ - look up then to him, and believe and thou shalt have life - I have looked I have believed - and can I have hope? - Jesus thou merciful mediator - look down I beseech thee from thy throne of glory and power - and say unto me, thy sins are forgiven thee - such a sentence from thy lips would be worth all the kingdoms of the earth - and infinitely more - O that I might be conformed to thee more & more - that all old things might be done away and all things become new - once I could hope this was my case - but now my coldness indifference and negligence had bme almost to despair - teach me O Lord what is my state, and teach me by thy grace to believe aright - take all my friends unto thy kind keeping - bless us in life but above all receive us at last to thyself for Christs sake - amen

March 14th Sunday forenoon — While others are permitte
to seek the Lord and his grace, in his temple — I
am compelled to stay behind — if I had a
I ought, improved these oppertunities whil
they were afforded me — happy should I hav
been — — but O let me not complain — ho
many are the favours of my God — he hath
brought my parents, those kind & dear frie
to see me during the last week, blessed us
with a comfortable & most agreeable interview,
and provided for their return I hope in safet
and shall I complain? — O no — let praise
only dwell upon my tongue — but these
temporals are transitory — Give me I beseec
thee grace to improve — that by them I
may be led to the Fountain of thy goodn
and taste of those rivers of pleasure whi
flow at thy right hand — — Continue I
pray thee thy mercy to my absent friends
reward them O Lord for all their kindness to
us and finally bring us all to dwell in
thy immediate presence above thro' Jes
Christ, the great mediator — amen —

Saturday afternoon, March 20th - I have been preserved another week, and blessed be God, am again, upon the borders of holy time, grant Lord, that I may spend it as becomes a follower of the Lamb - may I be permitted to worship in thy sanctuary - and once more serve thee in the midst of thy saints - O let thy goodness lead me to love and adore thee my Father God - but may I call thee so? - If not, I have no God - thou art the Being whose I am, and whom I have chosen to be my covenant God - thy vows are upon me - suffer me not I beseech thee to bring upon myself aggravated punishment - by wilfully sinning against thee I cannot please thee of myself - O assist me in every part of duty - and grant that I may perform all to thy acceptance and honour - O my Blessed Saviour, thou knowest whether I am soon to leave this world - O if it be so - mercifully be my conductor to thy glorious habitation above - prepare me I pray thee to go and dwell at thy right hand - make me thankful for the good news I have heard from my parents - continue unto them thy love & goodness and finally bring us all to sit down together in thy kingdom above - amen.

March 27th Bleſsed be the Lord who hath kindly preserved me another week - bleſs the Lord O my soul and praise him who crowneth thy life with loving kindneſs - who provideth for my bodily comfort all that is needful or desirarable - and now what shall I render unto thee? - thou requirest the sacrifice of a contrite heart - and love unfeigned - O give me these things, and aſsist me to dedicate all my faculties to thy service - In time past I have sinned and done evil in thy sight, forgive me I beseech thee and wash my soul ~~in~~ the blood of thy dear Son, that blood is sufficient to atone for all my sins O let it be applied - and let thy Holy Spirit descend upon me with all its animating & instructing influences to cheer and guide me in the heavenly way - suffer me not to decline, but by waiting on thee in the way of thy appointment - may I encrease in holineſs and go on to perfection - graciously bleſs all my friends - keep them as the apple of thine eye and let no danger or sin come near them, may we all be led in the of thy commands that at last we may be received to the abodes of thy children - thro' the merits of thy Son our glorious Saviour Amen -

Sabbath morn. 4th April - This is the day on which Jesus the Lord of life arose from the dead - today he triumphed over the grave and the powers of darkness - finished the great work of redemption & gave to all his followers a proof and lively hope of their own glorious resurrection - this too is a day on which the saints in all succeeding ages have met, to celebrate his praises - to worship the God of heaven and earth - and to implore for themselves and the church the outpouring of his Spirit and with it all other blessings - praised be the goodness of God that we have still thy house and ordinances continued unto us - and we may go up to thine house to worship altho' thy saints are few in number and almost fear to serve thee on account of the enemies which encompass us - and threaten distruction to us - yet blessed be thy name thou hast a few even here - O multiply their number we intreat thee, breathe upon us O Lord the breath of life - and let thy servant have occasion to rejoice, that he may speak to thy people the great things of thy gospel - and may he have many souls as seals of his ministry - and do thou mercifully regard all my absent friends - and refresh their souls abundantly with thy grace - and excite them to exert all their power. in thy service - thro Jesus Christ - amen

[illegible]

April 10th The weeks succeed each other swiftly
the wheels of time never stand still - every thing
is tending to its end - my soul only seems
to be backward and sluggish in its duty -
where shall I find help for vain is the
help of man - and vain are all my exertions
how thankful ought I to be that I am
not left in ignorance as to this matter,
the book of Gods word teaches me to look
to its author, there to seek direction &
assistance - I must come and bow my self
before the Lord and cry unclean - God be
merciful to me a sinner - I must be deeply
sensible of my sins - repent, and forsake
them, and must love the Lord with all
my heart, and exert every power and faculty
in his service - O willingly, my Father,
would I do it - but how can I? -
our blessed Saviour hath said no man
can come unto me except the Father
which hath sent me draw him - draw me
O thou eternal Father and I will run
after thee - cause me to love thee - and
give me to know that Jesus Christ is
my everlasting friend and Saviour - let thy
blessed Spirit descend into my heart, with
all its powerful influences and lead and assist
me in to every duty - and may all
needful favours be granted to my friends &
all of us be saved at last thro' Jesus Cht

April 17th. Yesterday was set apart by our governor as a day of fasting - surely we ought to fast for our iniquities have gone up over our heads and cry for vengeance - as a people we have shamefully revolted - and there is scarcely the hope of a reformation unless the Lord in mercy rebuke the madness of the people unless he who sitteth in the heavens & seeth all these things, and who is supreme over the Universe, should see fit in his goodness to magnify his great name. & it is the duty of all who profess the religion of Jesus - or who sincerely love his cause, now to implore his help - in him only is our help - vain is the help of man - and will he not yet shew those who have risen up against him, and openly espouse the cause of infidelity - that they are dreadfully in an error - - ? - I hope and pray that he will & that speedily - — I am yet preserved & blessed and have good things scattered around me in abundance - let it lead me to gratitude to him who thus kindly disposes ~~his~~ my friends to express their good will - may his blessing never depart from me and mine - and may all my friends share in the riches of his grace thro' Jesus Christ -

April 24th — Blessed be my heavenly Father who has brought my mother in safety and caused us to meet in in peace — for all his goodness I beseech the Lord to give me gratitude and teach me my duty — I commit myself and my all to him, he knows what is best for me and mine — may I be prepared for every event — and — may all my friends be the objects of his peculiar favour and friendship — O let me not neglect my duty let me not rest in an earthly friend but be thou O Lord God my only Portion & my only hope thro' Jesus Christ — amen —

May 1st — Another week has been granted me to dwell in health upon the earth O that I might so improve my time — that if I should be called into eternity suddenly — I might go in peace resting on Jesus — I again yield all my important concerns into the hands of my heavenly Father — to him I commit all my friends and beseech thee O Lord to take care of us and order all events for our final salvation — and thy glory thro' Jesus Christ amen —

May 9th Last evening I was too unwell to
write — and whether I shall ever be able to
spend another saturday evening in that employ
ment — God only knows — but it is my earnest
prayer that I may be prepared for what
ever is before me — let me lean upon Jesus
my Saviour — who alone is the foundation
of the believers hope — and may all my
friends be friends and followers of the Lamb

May 16th — This frail body forbids my spending
this evening of saturday as I have been wont to
do — but the Lord will not require of me the
improvement of those seasons which I have
not strength to employ in his service — he
is long suffering and of tender mercy, not willing
that any should perish — I will therefore
come to still, trust in him, and devote all
my powers & faculties to his service — O my
blessed Saviour, as the hour of my trial li
is approaching, wilt thou who hast exper=
=ienced infinitely greater sufferings be near
to uphold strengthen and encourage me — let
me not disgrace my profession by any
act of impatience or complaint — but wilt
thou bless me, and all mine — for the sake
of what thou hast done for sinners — amen —

May 23d This is the Lord's day - and I hope to
visit his house - and worship in his pres-
ence - if he will be pleased to assist me,
I can do it acceptably - help me O Lord
to serve thee in a proper manner - and may
my services be accepted thro. Jesus Christ
thy Son who is my only Saviour - cease
June 19th Bless the Lord O my soul, hath saved
not to sing of his mercy, who nature's difficulty
thee in the hour of mother of
hath made me the living child a
a living and promising hath so far recovered
man child - and may we
me to health and strength - to thee
now give the little one assist us in
our God - and wilt thou preserve us
all the duties before us,
from servile fear - and let us spend the
morrow in all thou duties which thou
hast appointed - kindly take care of
our parents and all friends and in
thy own time let us meet in safe-
ty, especially wilt thou give us confi-
in thee thro' Jesus Christ, that we may
at last all of us be received thro' the
Redeemer amen

June 29th Another day of the Lord is approaching and blessed be his name it finds me in a situation of health and comfort, enjoying the hope of soon seeing my friends and parents — I sincerely pray that I may not be enticed with the pleasures of the world — but that I may act as in the presence of God and be assisted by his Spirit to perform every duty — and live near the throne of grace may I be blessed on the morrow, edified and built up in faith & holiness — and may all my friends share largely in thy favor thro' Jesus Christ — — amen

July 16th Let me now appear before God to thank him for all his benefits — we have been assisted to visit our friends — have been prospered in all our ways and are brought home in safety — our friends we found & left well excepting my mother who had a cold — I hope & pray she may soon recover — our little child has been healthy — and he and I have borne the journey better than I could reasonably have expected — thus have we all along been blessed in temporals — O that

I could say our souls had been as richly favoured with spirituals — how unconcerned am I — while passing along this life, which is so soon to end ~~I act as if~~ and in which I ought to prepare for another never to to end — I act as if it was my final abode — great God if thou dost not stop me, and turn me to thyself I must perish — thou delightest not in the misery of thy creatures — O then save me for Jesus sake — remember with all needful favours my friends and be their God and ours here & forever

July 24th — Another week is gone — and given the account of my conduct, alas it is vile & unworthy of the Christian character, be pleased to enable me morning & evening to come unto thee by prayer — & O give me a praying frame of spirit forgive O Lord all the sins of the week past — and graciously grant me more grace in future to serve thee — ~~bless~~ all my friends & make us at last partakers of thy kingdom thro' Jesus Christ thy son Amen —

Hadley Novr 23th 1800 –

Deeply sensible of the wickedneſs of my heart, and how apt I am to swerve from the right way, I have formed the following resolutions which I now commit to writing, that I may peruse them weekly – and conduct according to them – but I presume not to attempt this work relying on my own power to perform it, but pray for the aſsistance of the Divine Spirit – – –

And first I will write upon my duty to my Maker – My devotion must be paid regularly morning and evening – keeping my thoughts as much as poſsible from wandering – the Sabbath I will endeavour to keep holy unto the Lord – avoiding all Labour but such as neceſsity requires – and commanding my domestics to keep it likewise – on saturday evening I must spend some time in conversing with them upon some serious subject – after meeting I must question them respecting what they have heard at meeting –

And next let me resolve with regard to my duty to the man who may then be my husband – I will use my exertions to promote his happineſs – not regarding my own comfort but denying myself to please him – I must

not suffer my fretful passions to overcome
my reason and my respect for him, but
always strive to soothe him & meet him
with cheerfulness – when I discover a faith
in him, I must conceal it, even from
myself – considering that my own are
much more numerous – and require
much forbearance – I must never ridi-
cule his friends – but those who have his
good opinion – I must likewise esteem –
to my neighbours, I must be kind &
obliging – and not allow myself to cen-
sure any one – to the poor I will be
pitiful – sending them portions, visiting
them in sickness – and doing all in my
power to mitigate their sufferings –
these may I be assisted to adhere to strictly
and do thou O bountiful God – dispose me
10 to practice upon them as shall secure
thy divine approbation, and the good will
of all about me. – – —

Thursday Jany. 1st - Is this then the closing scene of my single life? - the time which for more than a year I have been anticipating - and for which my preparations of mind ought to have been made? - the solemnity and terror which it inspires is inexpressible - But, my father, let me now raise a supplicating filial eye to thy mercy - permit me this once to pay thee my virgin vows, and dedicate myself to thee O God - thou knowest that I am thine, by every tie which should bind thy creatures - and thou knowest that I am utterly unworthy of all thy benefits - but I must still hope & trust in thee - as my only help - O Lord my Redeemer, thou didst once

condescend to bleſs with thy bodily
presence one of these important events
now be pleased graciously to descend
and be in the midst of us, O grant
the smiles of thy dear face, to animate
and strengthen us — bleſs me even me
O Lord with thy kindneſs, and diffuse
over my mind a calm serenity
when I am about entering into these
solemn engagements — O thou
mercifully grant me thy divine
approbation, and bestow thy benediction
which is infinitely better than all
this world can confer — and finally
most bleſsed God when I shall have
done and endured all thy will, may
I finish my course with joy, and
be received into those eternal mansions
of happineſs which thou has purchased
and prepared for all thy chosen ones —

Elizabeth W. Phelps

Jany. 10th 1801 - Last Tuesday morning, after a fatiguing journey, I reach'd this place - since when I have been much employed in domestic concerns - I am now settled in my new dwelling - now am I under the inspection of an attentive town - let not this intimidate me; the eye of the Lord is upon me therefore let me fear before him, under his guardianship, would I rest secure - if he will condescend to bless me, I shall need no other good, if he will lift upon me the light of his countenance, every thing else will be of little value - - Far from my parents those kind supporters of my helpless years, separated from those who were my first my best, and tender friends - to whom shall I look, but to thee O my God, short is the journey thro' this weary world - & soon shall we pass thro' it - & may we so conduct, that we may at last meet on the happy shore of eternity - forever to enjoy thy favour, and the society of those friends who were dear on earth -

Jany 1st 1802 – At the commencement of the last year – my prospect, as to happiness in the married state, was uncertain; I looked forward with fear lest my heart should revolt at the state – or lest by my untoward disposition, I should excite in the heart of my husband dislike and disgus but I had a hope also – it was founded on the mercy of God – and adored be his name – I was not disappointed – far beyond my hopes, I may almost say my wishes – have I been blessed in my dear husband – a year has now past – since our hands were united – and a happy year has it been – our kindne and love for each other, is still increasin and my daily prayer is now, that we may not love inordinately – O God of heaven and earth – – be pleased to hear my prayer, & suffer not to be greatly agitated with the events of this year I must inevitably experience one important one – O Lord if thou seest fit to cut me off graciously receive me to thy self & cast me not from thy presence prepare me for life or death – and O bless me in both I pray also for my husband and all my friends protect us all and save us finally for the sake of Jesus b– thy dear son – amen

Jany 1st 1803 - How good and gracious is the Lord - the last year I was looking forward with some anxiety to the birth of my child - in due time he was brought into the world and all the circumstances ordered in mercy - he hath given us a man-child - lovely and promising - he incline our hearts to give him up to himself even in the womb - and numberless are the times I have since dedicated him to his Maker - here is my hope God is ~~af~~faithful and will keep that which is committed to him - - and now O my Father dreadfully as I have abused thy goodness I beseech thee to hear my prayer at the beginning of this year also - let the events of this year be favourable - above all I pray for myself my dear husband parents brothers & sisters - that thou wouldst supply our souls with the gifts of thy grace, that we may know that we are thine - & now father Son and Spirit into thy hand I commit myself - take me and keep me in life and death - for Christs sake amen

Jany - 1st 1804 - Another new year has commenced and I am still in life, and surrounded with favours - as to my religious enjoyments the year past, I have been dull, but of late have had rather more life, or a heart to think more of these things - I have been preserved in another hour of difficulty, been made the mother of another living and proper child, ~~&~~ she ~~it~~ is healthy and promising - I am again in the same situation - O for a heart to submit cheerfully to God's will - let me not have a will, contrary to thy holy & perfect will - let me this year, be enabled to conquer all my sins, to engage heartily in a religious life - give all up to my heavenly Father and rest only in him thro' Christ for salvation - - hear O Lord and deal kindly with me this year, and let me praise thee for thy deliverance - and now O Lord I commit myself parents husband children and brothers and sisters and all my concerns to thee praying for thy blessing and protection thro' life and death and a place at thy right hand for Christ's sake amen -

Litchfield April 4th 1806 — Thro' the abundant goodness and long suffering of God, I am still spared to see another anniversary of fasting — a period in which I have been accustomed to renew the dedication of myself to God — but O what a sinner, what a backsliding rebel —! can it be pleasing to the pure and holy God to receive such a revolting creature — Christ came too seek and save that which was lost — encouraged by this I desire to come once more into the presence of the great Eternal God — and make another surrender of myself and my all unto him — O thou Father of all mercy, I have too long kept at a distance from thee — I now desire to return, & bring with me all my dearest interests, I bring my children, these precious immortal creatures to thee who art their glorious Creator — thou hast during the last year made me the living mother of another living and proper child so that four little ones are the offering which I now desire to present — gracious Redeemer, who didst condescend to bless children in the days of thy humiliation — O be pleased to receive these little ones, into the arms of thy everlasting love — and O thou holy Spirit come down into their hearts and guide them all safely thro the changes of this changing life — O sanctify them and use them to promote thy glory — and O bless me, let me see the light of thy countenance — and not walk in darkness — assist me to lay hold on the promises of thy word — to fix my faith in Jesus Christ and leave all with thee Father Son and Holy Ghost — spare me this year if it may please thee — but whenever thou callest for me — O let me not go without thy rod and thy staff — O let me finally be received to thy[illegible] after having glorified thee on the earth and finished the work thou hast assigned me to do —

Elizabeth W. Huntington

Litchfield March 27th 1807 - - Fast day - —

Another anniversary of fasting, reminds me of my o
custom of this day dedicating my self unto the Lord -
when I had nothing to bring but my own sinful so
God permitted me to approach him, and devote
myself to his service; I endeavoured to do it with
humble sincerity - but alas I have since feared it
was the offering of the hypocrite whose hope will be li
the giving up of the Ghost - during the last year
my gracious Redeemer has caused me to attend
more faithfully to attend to the means of grace, re
=ing and secret prayer, and my hope has been mor
solid and comforting, at times I have hoped that i
would plead the promise of a covenant keeping God -
feeling my obligation to cleave to him - and the great
encouragement I have to resign all to his care and
keeping, who hath loaded me with bleſsings ever si
I had a being, and who the last year hath mul
=plied his favours to me, I would once more commit
myself to his hands - the lives of these dear chil-
dren are still preserved, and I bring them with me
O thou compaſsionate Saviour to leave them with
my self ~~with thee~~ in thy hands, deal with us as seemeth good
in thy sight, only this one thing I ask with impor
=tunity, leave us not to go down to endleſs miser
wash us all in thy blood cleanse us by thy Hol
Spirit - guide and aſsist us in duty - and O thou
Father Son and Spirit - receive me, my dear hus=
band children, and all that I am or have into thy
arms of love - another time of distreſs is soon coming
upon me, but I hope, he who hath before been
my deliverer will now be my support and com
fort, and cause me again to speak of his lov
=ing kindneſs in this respect - - - O hear the
cries of thy people this day and forgive all our
sins as a people, save us from confusion, blood
shed and ruin; and let thy name be known on
earth, and every nation tongue and people be
brought to the knowledge and acknowledgement o
the truth - Once more I entreat thee bleſs me, and
whenever the time of my departure shall come -
I beseech thee, grant me the light of thy counte
nance and thy eternal salvation for Christs sake
alone who is infinitely worthy amen - - -

Elizabeth W. Huntington

Litchfield— Fast day April 15th 1808—

O thou Allmighty Sovereign! who art still sparing my life
and surrounding me with comforts, I desire to confess my
innumerable transgressions before thee— hadst thou been
strict to mark my iniquities my soul had long since
sunk under the weight of thy wrath— but another
year is added to my unprofitable life— and it is as-
tonishing that thy favours are still continued, I desire
to feel and realize that it is all for the sake of the
infinitely precious sacrifice which Christ hath made,
that thy patience is still lengthen'd out— thy mercies
are continued and multiplied— the last year on the 25th
of April another son was added to our family— O my
Father, if indeed I may call thee thus, thou hast
been my helper and strength— in times of distress &
danger and hast sustained this fainting heart— O what
shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits— O that
I might by Divine grace be enabled to dedicate myself
to his service— assist me O thou Holy Spirit I beseech
thee in this duty— O help me to come & consecrate my
self soul and body with all its powers and faculties, to the
Lord— my dear [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] in number. I bring unto thee also—
precious immortal souls for
unto thee, O Father Son and Holy Spirit— and beseech thee
to accept of us all for thine— — when I was alone and had
nothing to offer but my poor polluted self— I had a hope
that thou wouldst be merciful— and now that thou
hast caused me to be fruitful and multiply— may it
please thee to have compassion on us all— bring each of
our hearts by thy grace— O wash our souls from our native
defilements adopt us all into thy family and guide us who
are the parents and their children all safe through this
dangerous trying state— keep us near thee prepare us for every
trial— whatever thou seest best to withhold of an earthly
nature make us content— but O Lord God I beseech
thee withhold not an interest in the Lord Jesus from any of
our souls— — God has graciously poured out his Spirit here
the year past, may it still be continued and the whole world
be filled with the goodness and love of the redeemer— — and now
most Holy God I desire to my self and all near and dear
to me in thy holy keeping, thou able to keep that which is
committed to thee; I pray thee never leave us nor forsake
us furnish us to every duty reconcile us to all thy will
and O prepare us all to meet at length in thy kingdom
to praise the infinite God Father Son and Holy Ghost thro'
the endless ages of eternity— all for the sake of my glorious
advocate the Lord Jesus Christ— Amen—

Elizabeth W. Huntington—

Middletown April 16th 1813 – Annual Fast –

What am I O God & what is my father's house, that such a worm should be permitted to approach thee, & most of all that after such backsliding, and rebellion, I should be spared to renew this dedication of myself unto thee – praise the Lord O my soul; O may I never forget the danger & distress from which, four weeks since, thou didst deliver me – O may my life from this time be wholly thine – reflecting upon what thou hast done for me – I would again come, to acknowledge myself as thine by every tie; prostrate at thy feet, O thou interceding Saviour, behold thy returning child – me the with all the heirs – & even now will she I endeavour to trust only in the merits of thy blood, wash me I pray thee – cleanse me, and comfort my poor guilty soul with thy forgiving love – Great God the Father, look down upon me in mercy – and receive ~~[illegible]~~ grieved as thou has been by me – O remember not my sin but be my guide and guard thro' the remaining part of my pilgrimage, leave me not – O Allmighty God Father Son and Spirit – unto thee do I now commit my soul and body with all my powers of both I am thine, O deal with me as thou seest best only give me submission and patience to bear what ever thou layest upon me – that when Death comes I may be able with faith and joy to commit my departing Spirit into thy hands O my covenant God – unto thee also would I commit my children – O sanctify them thro' thy truth, O in mercy appear for their salvation – make them thine in the sure covenant of thy love – spare the life of my husband my children & my own life if it may please thee, and furnish us with every qualification to promote thy glory in this world and to secure thro' the merits Jesus Christ everlasting life –

Elizabeth W. Huntington –

Hadley April 6th 1809 — Fast day —

With another anniversary day of fasting and prayer, which by the mercy of God I am permitted to see, I would, as has been my custom, endeavour to renew the dedication of myself and my all to the service of that glorious Lord and Master, whom I have avouched to be everlasting portion —. But in reviewing the year past I find every day and hour so filled up with folly and guilt, that it seems a miracle of mercy that I am yet spared; how have I backslidden and forgotten my covenant engagements — how distrustful impatient worldlyminded, and stupid have I been — but notwithstanding all, still I would endeavour to return to my rightful sovereign — and acknowledging my sins — plead for pardon and acceptance thro' the blood of Christ. Whither else shall I go? — I have made him my refuge in times past — I have found him a compassionate God — and shall I now turn back and forsake his ways or forget his covenant —. When without husband or children I devoted myself to him, & now ~~that~~ he hath thus mercifully provided me with both shall I not most fervently implore his blessing upon us? Great and everlasting God — deign to look down in pity upon thy guilty creature who hath thus forsaken and dishonoured thee — and once more visit me with the light of thy countenance — I would attempt again to bring before thee my little ones, helpless and hopeless without thee — Eternal Father, adopt them into thy holy family — and encompass them always with thy favour — infinite Saviour who while here didst receive little children into thine arms, and bless them, now that thou hast received all power, I entreat thee to accept them as thy property purchased by thy blood — and make them new creatures, fashioned according to thy image — & O most Holy Spirit, the sanctifier & renewer of the hearts of sinners be pleased to form within them right hearts conformed to thy will — & thus Most Glorious God in all thy Divine persons ever be their portion thro' this troublesome world, and lead them at last to thy Holy Hill —. I find myself again drawing near to a time of distress and danger, but I desire to leave myself with thee if it please thee grant me a safe deliverance, & let my life & the life of the child be precious in thy sight — but especially make me thine in life or death

Elizabeth H. Huntington —

Middletown April 20th 1810 — Holy art thou O God in all th
ways — merciful and long suffering in all thy dealings with m
the year past as a family ~~we have~~ we have experienced abun
:antly of the kindneſs and care of our heavenly Father — Tho
hast provided for us a home every way agreeable, far bett
than we could have expected — thou has spared all our liv
and we share daily in the rich bounties of thy Provide
and yet amidst all what a wretch am I — how prone
to forget thee — to love the world, to complain of trif
and misimprove privileges — O how can I ever stand
for thee? — There is a name better than my own
in which I may come — a new and living way —
adored be the amazing goodneſs and condescension of
God — he hath laid help on one mighty to save
I come in his name, the sweetest dearest name, th
Lord Jesus Christ — and desire once more to consecrat
myself to the service of the Lord of Hosts — whom I hav
endeavoured to avouch as my rightful sovereign —
Great and Eternal God — help me to fear and tremb
as I endeavour to give myself to thee, and do thou
look in compaſsion upon me and accept me as thy ser
:vant — bleſsed and Allmighty Saviour — I desire to be
thine — receive me into the number of those who are
redeemed by thy blood — & O thou Eternal Spirit, come
and seal the pardon of my sins — and henceforth streng
en & aſsist ~~me~~ & direct me in all Duty — O my Father
God, my Saviour & friend — leave not my children, O
for thy great name's sake have mercy upon their prec
souls — I mourn and lament to see their thoughtleſsne
and folly — O interpose by thy grace for their salvation
with thee is a fullneſs — I bring them all and leave
them in thine hand — hold them continually and guar
them as the apple of thine eye — & now O Lord God whe
the time of my continuance be longer or shorter, pre
-pare me I beseech thee for a dying hour — & O prepare m
for the joys of thy chosen who shall be saved by free
sovereign grace in Jesus Christ — for I am thine, & th
I dishonour thee often & greatly — still if I know my
own heart I choose thee as my portion, & wilt thou
such to my soul living and dying amen — Elizabeth W. Huntington

Middletown April 12th 1811— Fast Day— Is it a light or small thing to come before the Lord of Hosts?— into his presence, before whom the inhabitants of the earth are as grasshoppers— who is exalted far above all blessing and praise— & who needeth not me or any of his creatures to advance his glory or happiness— Still it is an unspeakable privilege that such sinful worms of the dust, such miserable dependent creatures may approach their Maker in a way acceptable— Glory be to God in the Highest, that a Saviour is provided, and that the news of salvation has reached my ears— praised be God, that he inclined me in my youth to seek the God of my fathers, and enter into covenant with him— thanks be to him, that I am still alive and surrounded with innumerable, & increasing comforts—— that I am allowed another season of fasting & prayer, & may come to renew this solemn transaction between God and my soul— O may the Holy Spirit help me in this great work & may it be acceptable for Christ's sake—.

O God the Father I desire once more to dedicate myself to thee soul & body & to submit with cheerfulness to all thy will— compassionate Saviour wash me in that blessed fountain which thou hast died to open for a guilty world, & make me firmly to trust in thee, & O thou Divine Spirit the comforter of all that love thee, come into tomy soul, with all thy blessed influences purify me from all sin & make my heart a residence fit for thyself— I am a backslider a rebel, a wanderer from my father's house, O pity me, & own and bless me Allmighty God as one of thy dear children— for I desire to be thine entirely—. Six dear children also I bring unto thee beseeching thee to bless them also— O my Allmighty Friend, receive them into thine arms, I would place them under thy car thy mercy is boundless— O extend it I pray thee to their souls— and make them all thine thro' life and thro' eternity——

I find myself again in a situation which needs thy supporting arm— I come to him who ~~h~~ hath promised gently to lead those that are with young— be with me I entreat thee in the distressing season— support and deliver me— spare my life I pray thee if consistent with thy will— but O especially prepare me for all thy will for suffering, for life or death— & let me not depart without the light of thy countenance and a substantial hope of happiness with thee in thy kingdom— I leave myself with thee O God of my Salvation praying ~~that thou~~ wilt furnish me to all duty preserve me from all sin— prepare me for every event— & finally bring me home, with all my dear friends to thyself where are many mansions prepared for those that love thee—. Hear O gracious God and accept of this service for the great Mediator's sake amen.

Elizabeth W. Huntington—

Middletown March 27 1812 - Fast Day

By the help of thy sustaining hand, O thou Allmighty & merciful God, I still live, a monument of thy sparing goodness. the year past has been distinguished with many unspeakable favours- since I last thus renewed the dedication of myself to thee, I have been made the living mother of another living & proper child; great were my sufferings, and danger, at the time, but thou wast pleased to appear for me and restore me-- remembering thy signal favours, and my own ingratitude and guilt, I am ready to be astonished at thy long-suffering and see it to be indeed wonderful, that thou has not long since said of me as of the barren figtree, cut it down- why cumbereth it the ground- But I still live, and am permitted once more to unite with thy people in fasting humiliation & prayer- - O let me do it in some measure acceptably by the assistance of thy grace I would also again attempt to dedicate myself to thee with all I am and have- I am thine; solemnly & repeatedly have I surrendered myself unto thee- and again O my heavenly Father, hear and accept me- O receive me into thy family- a backslider & rebellious as I am- Divine Saviour wash me in thy blood- & O thou blessed Spirit come into my heart, & by thy heavenly influence constrain me to live to his glory, who hath done so much for me- I come not alone- seven precious children, all created by thy hand, preserved and blessed abundantly by thy bounty hitherto, I bring also unto thee, to intrea for them new covenant mercies- cast us not away; O let them now in their early years, now while thy spirit is striving with sinners among us, O let them now seek the God of their lives- & wilt thou make every one of them a residence for thy Spirit- I would thank thee that thou hast granted me the desire of my heart in some things, O may it not please thee to hear me, when I plead for the best blessings on myself and all my friends- especially O Lord God, prepare me, and all that I love, for death, that after serving thee here, we may have a safe and easy passage into thy kingdom of glory- & now O God the Father, God the Son, & God the Holy Ghost; thou art my God & my portion- make me live more to thy glory than I have hitherto done; O forgive my aggravated sins- & give me some suitable gratitude for thy mercies and all the glory shall be to him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb forever & ever amen —

Elizabeth W. Huntington —

April 12th 1805 – Litchfield – – By the kind indulgence of a gracious God, I am permitted once more to attempt a renewal of this solemn transaction – and must I again come into the presence of God with complaint? in doubt and darkness? – must I still mourn as those who have no hope alas! alas! how are my prospects changed! how dreadfully have I fallen – ! – for a year past I have scarcely seen a ray of light. and it is continual gloom in my soul – will the Lord be gracious no more, is his mercy clean gone forever? – but why do I complain? it is my sins which separate between God and my soul – – and if I ever obtain mercy it will be from the fullness of Jesus Christ – – to him then with eagerness would I fly – Lord Jesus I come to thee art thou not willing to purify and accept me – may not thy grace be glorified in my salvation? – O hear and give me an answer of peace – this day this hour I entreat thee bring me out of darkness into thy marvellous light – speak the word only – if I have forgotten thy covenant – thou canst renew it – I beseech thee to assist me to take thee the everlasting God for my Father and friend – Jesus Christ for my Almighty and prevailing advocate, and the Holy Ghost for my perpetual Guide and comforter thro' life – and I desire to give up myself and my all to thee for time and eternity – the year past, I have been delivered of another living and proper child – and am now with child again, the Lord hath kindly preserved the lives of our three children thus far – but O the life of their souls and their eternal welfare, fills me with anxiety – O let me commit them to their merciful Creator – let me cheerfully give them and and the little one which I now bear to the great Redeemer – wash them I beseech thee from all their defilement and make them vessels of mercy fitted for thy service and honour – – and O God I beseech thee to protect me thro' all the dangers and pains of this year – make me I pray thee to rejoice in the birth of another child, and O give me health and above all grace to train them up for thee – but if thou seest best to remove me into the eternal world – O God of mercy may I not go without thy peculiar presence and support – and O may I be thine here and thine forever, for Christ's sake amen – – Elizabeth W. Huntington

Litchfield March 30th 1804 — Most Glorious and Eternal God — with deepest abasement of soul ought I to approach thee — and with trembling should I attempt to renew this covenant —. What shall I say? — I blush and am confounded, when I consider of my conduct, and I am astonished that thy righteous sentence is not already passed against me, and that instead of coming before thee at this time, I have not my portion in that place of torment where hope never can come. Of late I have been in darkness; scarce a glimmering of hope has been afforded me — and I have been more anxious to know my real character — perhaps I am a hypocrite — dreadful indeed to think of — and all my former comfort was a mere delusion —. But this I can say, I desire to be conformed to the will of God I think I love those whose conversation is spiritual and who appear to know Jesus Christ — — But still my sins separate between God and my soul — and where can I go for help but to this neglected Saviour where else would I go —? Gracious Redeemer! — canst thou again receive me? — are thine arms open to such a polluted worm? — at least I will venture there to rest — and may I not hope he will keep what I have committed unto him — tho' I wander in darkness and see no light — yet with God is no darkness — and it is easy for him to bring me also into the light —. The last year I was again delivered in mercy; of another child, a female healthy and promising — what a favour to be blessed with proper children — but O I have been the means of giving them sinful nature, and of bringing them into an evil ensnaring world —. if they should live to grow up how great will be their danger of destruction — to thee O thou Father, Son and Holy Ghost can I safely confide them for an expiation to thee do I again commit myself, these little ones, and my unborn child — & have mercy on me in the time of natures struggle and distress, order the circumstances of my confinement in mercy — if thou seest fit then to number my days, O prepare me cheerfully to go; but if it consist with thy glory I pray thee to spare my life, that I may be an instrument, by thy grace assisting me, of training up these immortal creatures for thee — and once more I intreat the pardon of my sins for Jesus sake alone who is infinitely worthy. amen —

Elizabeth W. Huntington

Eternal and ever blessed God! I desire to present myself before thee, with the deepest humiliation and abasement of soul; sensible how unworthy such a sinful worm is to appear before the holy majesty of heaven, "the King of kings, and Lord of lords;" and especially on such an occasion as this, even to enter into a covenant transaction with thee. But the scheme and plan is thine own. Thine infinite condescension hath offered it by thy Son, and thy grace hath inclined my heart to accept it.—

I come therefore acknowledging myself to have been a great offender; smiting on my breast and saying with the humble publican, "God be merciful to me a sinner"!—I come invited by the name of thy Son, and wholly trusting in his perfect righteousness, intreating that, for his sake, thou wilt be merciful to my unrighteousness, and wilt no more remember my sins.—Receive, I beseech thee, thy revolted creature, who is now convinced of thy right to her, and sincerely desires that she may be thine.—

This day do I, with the utmost solemnity, surrender myself to thee. I renounce all former lords, that have had dominion over me; and I consecrate to thee all that I am d all that I have; the faculties of my mind, the members f my body, my worldly possessions, and my time. And I earnestly pray, that whatever influence thou givest me over others, in any of the superior relations of life in which I may stand, or in the consequence of any peculiar regard which may be paid to me, thou wouldest give me strength and courage to exert myself to the utmost for thy glory; resolving not only that I will myself do it, but that all others, so far as I can rationally and properly influence them, "shall serve the Lord."— These things let me attend to, with an ardent desire and humble resolution, to continue thine, thro' all the endless ages of eternity; ever holding myself in an attentive posture to observe the first intimations of thy will; and ready to spring forward, with zeal and joy, to the immediate execution of it.—

To thy direction, I also resign myself, and all I am and have, to be disposed of by thee, in such a manner as thou shalt in thine infinite wisdom, judge most subservient to the purposes of thy glory. To thee I leave the management of all events, and say without reserve, "not my will, but thine be done"!

Use me, O Lord, I beseech thee, as an instrument of thy service! Number me among thy peculiar people! Let me be washed in the blood of thy dear Son! Let me be clothed with his righteousness! Let me be sanctified by thy Spirit!

Transform me more and more into his image! Impart to me thro' him, all needful influences of thy purifying, cheering, and comforting Spirit. And let my life be spent under thos influences, and in the light of thy gracious countenance, a my father and my God. And when the solemn hour of death comes, may I remember this thy covenant, well ordere in all things, and sure, as all my salvation and all my desire, tho' every other hope and enjoyment is perishing. And do thou O Lord, remember it too! Look down, with pity, O my Heavenly Father, on thy languishing dying child! Embrac [illegible] thine everlasting arms, put strength, and confiden into my departing spirit, and receive it to the abodes of them that sleep in Jesus, peacefully and joyfully, to wait the accomplishment of thy great promise to all thy people, even that of a glorious resurrection, and of eternal happiness in thy heavenly presence! And if any surviving friends should, when I am in the dust, meet with this memorial of my solemn transactions with thee, may they make the engagement their own; and do thou graciously permit them to partake in all the blessings of thy covenant, thro' Jesus the great Mediator of it: to whom with thee O Father, and [illegible] Holy Spirit, be everlasting praises, by all the millions who are thus saved by thee, and by all those other celestial spirits, in whose work and blessedness, thou shalt call them to share! - Amen. -

This covenant I have copied from Doctor Doddridge's rise and progress of religion in the soul, and I seriously and solemnly beg God's assistance to enable me punctual to perform all things required in it - and carefully at all times to live in the observance of it - This day, being April 3d 1800 - I subscribe to it heartily - and pray that as I am about to sign my unworthy name to it, I may by the grace of God be made a partaker of those blessings which are reserved for the followers of Jesus Christ -

Elizabeth W. Phel

April
Hadley April 3d-1800 -

Litchfield April 3d 1801 — O thou Almighty and Eternal God, I am confounded, and dare not lift up my face before thee — the covenant which thou didst graciously permit me to make with thee, I have shamefully and wickedly broken, times without number — and yet thou hast followed me with loving kindness — even more than I could ask or think — assist me I pray thee, now to abase myself, and cry unto thee who only art able to pardon and save — I desire once more to dedicate myself to thee, and to exert all my powers in thy blessed service — knowing my own extreme weakness I trust only in thee for strength — And to thee, O Father Son and Holy Ghost, I yield myself with cheerfulness — here only is my resting place and I pray thee to take the entire possession of me, and make me such as thou wilt own and bless in that day when all shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ — If thou seest fit to remove me this year, out of the world, I beseech thee forget not this covenant — but with mercy may it be remembered, and wilt thou receive me into thy everlasting arms — but if thou shalt continue me longer in life — grant me grace I pray thee, to honour thee, ~~and promote~~ the kingdom of the blessed Saviour, ~~in~~ whom are all my hopes of acceptance founded — Amen

Elizabeth Whiting Huntington

Litchfield April 4th 1802 — By the goodness of a merciful and Almighty God, I have been preserved another year, and my heart would renewedly speak of his loving kindness unto me — let my hand also record it that those who may come after me, may be induced to choose him for their Portion for there is no God like unto our God — the year past has been crowned with Divine Goodness — and altho' I have been provoking the hidings of my Father's face — yet hath not left me wholly I trust — for a few weeks past my sabbaths have been more comfortable — and in prayer uniting with my dear husband I have felt much enlargement and freedom — O may these seasons be wisely improved by me for my everlasting good — — & now let me once more avouch the Lord Jehovah to be my God; his Son to be my eternal friend and advocate, and his blessed Spirit to be my Guide and Comforter thro' this wilderness world — and if thou O Father Son and Spirit three persons in one Godhead — seest best soon to remove me out of this into the invisible world — may I not go without thy rod and thy staff — may I have thy Divine Presence to support me — and safely be landed on the heavenly shore thro' the merits of Jesus Christ my great Redeemer — But if thou shalt see fit still to continue me in the world, and dost indeed give me a living and proper child — then I pray thee to take us both into thy holy keeping — sanctify us both — and enable me to bring it up in thy fear — that it may serve thee and its generation faithfully, and that we may both be brought to thy self at last to worship thee in holiness without sin or sorrow — I pray thee to assist me to observe this covenant continually — may it be my support in life and death — to know that I am thine & thou art mine —

Eliza W. Huntington —

Litchfield April 8th 1803 Another year is past & I am still alive and indulged the privilege of renewing the dedication of myself unto God — but how wickedly have I backslidden! — were it not for the infinite mercy of God thro' Jesus Christ, I must despair; but the Lord is a God of compassion — he is Almighty & in him alone is my help — I desire to thank thee O Lord God for all the blessings of year past — and tho' some of thy dealings I have at times thought afflicting yet I think I can now say thy will be done — & enable me more cheerfully to bear whatever thou shalt lay upon me — the time of nature's difficulty is again approaching — I pray thee to make me the living mother of another living and proper child — & deal kindly with me I beseech thee — but whatever event take place with regard to my body O leave not my soul destitute of thy gracious presence — suffer me not to dishonour thee by complaint & distrust — but whether living or dying cause me to glorify thee Father Son and Spirit — whose I am & whom I desire to love supremely and serve sincerely — in great kindness thou has given me a man child — healthful in body — lovely and promising in appearance — thou hast inclined me to give him to thee the bountiful Giver — Gracious God accept him for thine — Blessed Jesus receive him into the arms of mercy — and send down thy Divine Spirit to lead him thro' this world to thy kingdom above — and now I commit myself my child and my all into thy hands; O use me for thy glory — while here — help me to remember this covenant at all times, and at death take me up and dwell at thy right hand for Jesus sake

Eliza W. Huntington